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## SLOW ADVANCE OF ALLIES CONTINUES

### JAPAN'S HELP NOT SOUGHT IN EUROPE

France and Russia May Favor Proposal but Britain is Silent

### DIFFICULT POLITICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED

Partisans in Tokio Support Plan and Ask Assistance of Count Okuma

Tokio, Dec. 31.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok or any other place en route to Europe, the foreign office included this statement: "Japan has not been approached by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe."  
It is learned from other sources here that France and probably Russia are favorable to the project of sending Japanese troops to Europe, but that Great Britain hesitates to ask for Japan's help. The financial phase of the matter, it is stated, could be arranged but the economic and political questions involved are difficult.  
Meantime frequent meetings are called in Tokio by partisans of the project to awaken public enthusiasm in this direction and there is an active discussion in the newspapers supporting the plan to dispatch volunteers. It is stated that the assistance of Count Okuma, the premier, has been solicited by supporters of the project.

Paris, Dec. 30.—In its regular nightly review of the diplomatic situation, the Temps writes of the Japanese question. Beginning its editorial with a quotation from the Russky Slovo to the effect that the allies can win without the aid of the Japanese, it says: "To end the struggle more quickly we ought to be deterred by no false armistice proposal or chimerical hope from utilizing every available weapon."  
The Temps reports from the Lokal Anzeiger—the response of the German army chieftains to the journal's reference to this sentiment, and says that French opinion is practically unanimously in favor of the Japanese proposal.  
The writer concludes with an appeal to the allied diplomatists to consider the question immediately in order to settle details, so that the Japanese, if invited to send troops, might do so before this assistance is superfluous.

The majority, in plous hope, appeal to the Teutonic deity, but General von Kluck and the crown prince telegraphed the words: "Stick to it."  
The Temps comments briefly: "The note of modest piety and the exhortations to endurance are in marked contrast to the exultant echo of Buecher's war cry, 'Forward!'"  
M. Stephen Pichon, formerly foreign minister, who is a strong advocate of bringing Japanese troops to the west, accepts the estimate of Col. Repington, the military critic of the London Times, that Germany is able to put 1,000,000 additional men in the field.  
"There must be no lull," he says, "Germany will pay the last man and the last coin to escape the fate to which she must succumb. She will not capitulate before she is absolutely obliged to do so. No one can forecast the length of the war, and it would be the height of imprudence to allow the country and the armies to believe that it will terminate soon."

McPichon uses this as a further argument in favor of Japanese cooperation.  
M. Clemenceau in his paper L'Humanite, devotes two columns to proving the fitness of Japanese troops for this purpose.

### SAN DIEGO EXPOSITION TO BE OPENED TO-NIGHT

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—The Panama-California exposition, San Diego's twelve-month celebration of the completion of the Panama canal, will be opened at midnight to-night, when President Wilson, in Washington, will press an electric button that will turn on the lights in the buildings and grounds.  
Proceeding the formal opening will be the dedication of a music pavilion and mammoth pipe organ presented to the exposition and city by John D. Spreckels.

William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, will represent President Wilson in to-night's ceremonies. Count Del Valle de Salazar will represent the king of Spain.

### STAMP TAX EXCEPTED

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A stamp tax, it is expected, will be contained in the war budget to be presented when parliament meets.

### Austria Decides to Leave Serbia Alone Has Her Own Troubles to Take Care Of

Rome, Dec. 30.—General Konrad von Hotzendorff, Austrian chief of the general staff, and Archduke Frederick, have declared that no further operations will be undertaken against the Servians, so as not to divert forces from the north, despite the demands of the clerical Austrian press for revenge.

Up to the end of November Austria-Hungary operated at first three and then eight full army corps against Serbia, comprising with cavalry, first 150,000 and then 400,000 men. Serbia has been able to muster at one time no more than 200,000 men.

### Not An Austrian Remains in Serbia.

About December 1 Austria transferred five corps to aid in the German-Austrian campaign in Poland and the Austrian campaign in Galicia. From that time on the success of the Servians was constant and overwhelming, until not an Austrian remained at large in Serbia, and King Peter on December 16 re-entered in triumph the former capital, Belgrade, while a Serbian army still remained in force in Bosnia.

### ALEXANDER OF SERBIA TELLS OF VICTORIES

Paris, Dec. 31.—An address delivered by Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia, commander-in-chief of the Serbian army, to his troops, is given in a dispatch to the Havas agency.  
"Five months have passed since the enemy attacked our beloved country," said the crown prince. "Although we had been tried by two glorious but difficult wars, we awaited the attack manfully and heroically. After having defeated the enemy once at Tser and Jadar, we have by bloody and glorious combats delivered a blow harder than any they have inflicted on us up to the present. Thousands of prisoners, hundreds of cannon and immense amounts of booty which we have captured, bear witness to the enemy's defeat and our glory."  
"Soldiers, I am proud to announce that no one of the enemy is now on Serbian soil. We have expelled him and put him to flight. In this solemn moment when upon our proud Belgrade the flag of Serbia flies, I desire before all to give recognition to your valor."  
The prince then eulogized his men, comparing them with the ancient heroes who brought glory to Serbian arms.  
"The end of this gigantic combat is now in sight, although not yet achieved," he continued. "Then will come a peace worthy crowned with victories for our grand Serbia. Our country will be greater, more powerful and happier than ever. For that my heroes, Serbia will be grateful to you."

### FRANCIS JOSEPH SAYS WAR FORCED UPON HIM

Vienna, Dec. 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph has issued a new year's message addressed to the Austro-Hungarian army and navy, which reads as follows: "During five months of the departing year the monarchy has faced numerous and powerful enemies in a war which was forced upon us and our faithful allies."  
"The proven steadfastness of the fighting qualities and the heroic bravery of my army and navy gives me confidence that in the new year of the war Austro-Hungarian warriors on land and sea will emerge with honor from the very severe trials which, for the welfare of the fatherland the war may impose on their military qualities."  
"In grateful gratitude I remember those who, on the blood-drenched battlefields have sacrificed their lives for our just cause. With the sincerest prayer that with God's help the new year may see them led to victory, I salute all my brave men."

### CANADIAN PRIVATE DEAD

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The militia department reports the death of Private George Basil Ewens, 5th battalion, at Bulford Manor hospital, of bronchial pneumonia. J. M. Ewens, of Bethany, Manitoba, is next of kin.

### BIPLANE FOR PRYEMYSL CARRIED CANNED GOODS

Petrograd, Dec. 31.—The Russians who are besieging the Galician fortress of Pryemysl yesterday brought down an Austrian biplane which, flying from the Carpathians was attempting to reach the city. The plane in the biplane usually occupied by a military observer was filled with boxes and bags of canned goods.  
Pryemysl, one of the most important strongholds of Galicia, has been under siege by the Russians for several weeks, and it has been reported that the Austrian defenders of the fortress are suffering from lack of food. Reports from German sources stated that there were in Pryemysl food supplies sufficient for one year.

### WOULD TAX MEN WHO DO NOT JOIN COLORS

Havre, France, Dec. 31.—The municipal council of Havre adopted to-day a resolution urging that all Frenchmen who have not joined the colors be taxed. It is suggested that the proceeds be used for the benefit of the wounded, and also for the widows and orphans of the victims of the war.

### WESTERN ADVANCE WAITS NEW ARMY

Observers Believe Allies Do Not Intend Determined Forward Movement Yet

### CAPTURE OF LABASSE IS FIRST NECESSARY

Other States Expected Soon to Join in the Fight

London, Dec. 31.—There are increasing indications, in the opinion of British observers, of events on the continent, that a direct allied advance against the whole German line in the western arena of the war will be postponed until such time as larger contingents of Lord Kitchener's new army take the field. The losses of the allies sustained up to the present time in the tentative thrusts here and there have been heavy in proportion to the gains achieved, and it is understood that the various leaders unite in the opinion that the sacrifices entailed by a general advance at this time would be too great.

### RELATIVES DESIRE MORE SEARCHING INQUIRY

Verdict at Fort Erie Inquest Not Acceptable and Called Ridiculous

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Relatives of Walter Smith, killed by Canadian militiamen at Fort Erie, are not satisfied with the coroner's jury verdict of accidental shooting and through their attorney have taken steps to bring about a more thorough investigation through the state department. Further evidence, it was announced, will be taken before Vice-Consul Curtis at Fort Erie within a day or two, and this report will be filed with state department officials at Washington.

### BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE BOMBARDING POLA

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—A private dispatch received here from Berlin says more than thirty French and British warships are at present engaged in bombarding the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and also the seaport of Pola, about fifteen miles away.  
There is reason to expect naval aggression on the part of the allies at Pola. Recent reports have indicated activity in this field. Several days ago a French submarine went into the harbor of Pola, but did not return. A dispatch received in London last night described how another submarine had been successful in torpedoing the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Unitis, and other messages have indicated that an Anglo-French attack would not come as a surprise.

### ONE CANADIAN MARRIED ANOTHER IS BEREAVED

London, Dec. 31.—Sergeant Herbert Little, of the Canadian Field Artillery, whose home is in Sale, Lancashire, was married to-day to Emily, the only daughter of F. J. Greene, of West Houghton.  
A sad home-coming awaited Corporal Bertram West, of the Canadian expeditionary forces, who belongs to Mold, Lancashire. His wife came from Canada to their old home with two children, and the younger child was burned to death the night before the father arrived from Salisbury on leave.

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### French Are Preparing For Attack in Alsace-Lorraine Vital German Spot Menaced

Paris, Dec. 30.—The most intense interest is felt here over the development of the French invasion of Lorraine and Alsace. It is neither permissible nor ethical to reveal all that is known of the operations in the provinces so ardently desired by the people of France. All that can be said is that great events are imminent. Unwilling to publish a single phrase which might mislead or disappoint the people, the government has taken an ultra-conservative view of the steady advance of the French troops toward the Rhine. There is no doubt, however, that great expectations are on the verge of being realized. Germany is menaced in a vital spot. Relaxation of activities in the west has resulted in great advantages to the advance in the east.

### UNITED STATES WALKS ON DELICATE GROUND

Towner Thinks So, and Wants Power to Stop War Exports Given President

Washington, Dec. 31.—Congressional action to vest the president with power to prohibit export of war supplies was urged before the house foreign affairs committee to-day by Representative Towner of Iowa.  
"The question of neutrality is not the only question involved here," he said. "The question of self-defense is the paramount one. It can no longer be held that there is no possibility of this country going to war or being involved in European entanglements. It can no longer be said, since the proclamation of ultimatum or whatever it may be called by Great Britain, that we are not on delicate ground. No man can say when, after this congress adjourns on March 4, not to convene again until next December, the president may find it necessary to prevent the exportation of arms in order that war supplies from this country may not fall into the hands of an enemy or a potential enemy."  
Representative Towner proposed a general bill to empower the president to forbid export of arms and munitions to countries at war, or where civil war is rife.

### BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO STATES IS FRIENDLY

London, Dec. 31.—The official information bureau this afternoon gave out the following statement: "An answer to the American note will be drawn up as soon as possible. It will be in the same friendly spirit in which the American note is written."  
Speaking for the foreign office, the press bureau this evening denied the suggestion published in the London Times that its previous statement on the time the American note was received by the foreign office was issued with the intention of charging the American government with discourtesy in giving the contents of the note to the newspapers before it had been received by the foreign office. The statement of the bureau says this suggestion is "totally unfounded."

### THIRTY-ONE SHIPS WITH COPPER WORTH \$5,500,000 HELD SINCE WAR BEGAN

Washington, Dec. 31.—The state department to-day called Ambassador Page at London permission to make public immediately the full text of the American note to Great Britain unless the British authorities object to its publication at this time. The note is in the form of instructions to Ambassador Page.  
London, Dec. 31.—The premium on Lloyd's to insure against the outbreak of war between the United States and Great Britain was cut in half to-day. Seven guineas per cent. is now asked as against the fifteen guineas per cent. quoted when the contents of the American note of protest regarding American shipping first became known in England.

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### ARTILLERY BATTLES FURTHER ADVANCES

Battlefield Was Comparatively Calm Yesterday From Sea to the Aisne

### SECOND DEFENCE LINE POSITIONS ARE TAKEN

French Take Half Village of Steinbach and Get Montmart Trenches

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon relates a continuance of artillery exchanges with the enemy and further advances, measured by yards of French soldiers at various points on the line of battle. Counter attacks of the enemy were driven back, and in Alsace a certain village is held half by German and half by French troops. The fighting here has been from house to house and it continues to-day.

The text of the communication follows: "From the sea as far as the Aisne, yesterday passed with relative calm. There were artillery exchanges at some points of the front. In Champagne, to the west of the Aisne, the village of Steinbach, the enemy during the night blew up two of our trenches and then delivered against these positions an attack which our men repulsed."  
"To the north of Meuil-les-Hurles, we occupied certain positions on the enemy's second line of defence. In this region, at a point to the north of the farm of Beauséjour we also occupied some trenches. The enemy delivered a counter attack, but he was driven back. We then resumed the offensive and we were successful in gaining some more ground."  
"In this zone and farther to the east, certain German forces which were advancing to deliver a counter attack against us, were brought under the fire of our artillery and dispersed."  
"In the Argonne, in the vicinity of Fontaine Madama, we exploded a mine and occupied the resultant excavation. This gave us a slight advance."  
"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, in the region of the forest of Montmart, about 150 yards of German trenches fell into our hands."  
"In Upper Alsace French troops have entered the village of Steinbach and have occupied, with house-to-house fighting, one-half of the community."

### BRITISH FLAG FLIES OVER BOURGAINVILLE

Melbourne, Dec. 31.—British force have occupied Bourgainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands. It was announced here to-day that the British flag had been hoisted over the island on December 9.

The Solomon Islands lie to the southeast of the Bismarck archipelago. On September 11, the British Pacific fleet occupied Herbertshohe, the seat of government of Bismarck archipelago and of those members of the Solomon group under German control, including Bourgainville. Several of the Solomon Islands are British possessions, but Bourgainville since 1899 has been held by Germany. This island is nearly 140 miles long.

# LATE NIGHT WAR NEWS

## HAD CHRISTMAS TRUCE TALKED WITH GERMANS ADVANCES ONLY SHORT BUT POSITION SECURE PRUSSIANS BEATEN BY BRITISH AND FRENCH

News of Remarkable Incident Sent by Officer of Queen's Westminsters

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News publishes a letter from an officer in the Queen's Westminsters describing the extraordinary Christmas truce.

"I really must tell you about the funniest and most amusing Christmas I ever spent," says the officer. "As you know, the official armistice did not come off, but the men made one of their own.

"I told you that our section was billeted on fatigue duty. Well, on Christmas Eve we carried wood up to the firing line from dark until 1 o'clock in the morning. All the time there was singing, cheering and trumpet calls on both lines, and the Germans had lights all along their front. We were walking with our wood in the bright moonlight, but not a shot was fired at us all the time.

"Next day would have made a good chapter in Dickens' Christmas Carols. It was indeed a tribute to the spirit of Christmas. Many of our men walked out and met the Germans between the lines. I went over in the afternoon, and was photographed in a group of English and Germans mixed. We exchanged souvenirs. I got a German ribbon and a photograph of the Crown Prince of Bavaria. The Germans' positions were awfully decent. They were Saxons, intelligent, respectable-looking men. I had quite a decent talk with three or four, and have two names and addresses in my notebook.

"It was the strangest scene you could imagine, going out unarmed to meet our enemy, also unarmed. After our talk, I really think a lot of our newspaper reports must be horribly exaggerated. Of course, these men were Saxons—not Prussians."

Recital From Paris Bureau Tells of Army Movements in France

Paris, Dec. 30.—Referring to events of the war in France during the nine days, December 16 to 24, an official recital continues:

"On four occasions we blew up some German mines, demolished machine guns and concealed shelters, and captured side ammunition and other material. Ours was the moral superiority, incontestably. Many advances, notable to the defensive than the offensive. Our artillery, and especially our heavy artillery, inflicted notable damage upon the artillery of the enemy.

"On the 17th two pieces were destroyed, two batteries demolished on the 18th and one reduced to silence; a machine gun shelter destroyed on the 20th and one blown up; a battery damaged on the 22nd to the northeast of St. Mihiel, and two destroyed near Bethincourt.

"Infantry attacks developed, especially in the region of Bourreilles and Vauquois, near Oulisy, in the woods of Forges, and in the woods of Comtevoisy. At Bourreilles the terrain was hotly disputed. We entered the village, were obliged to abandon it and then retook it. On the outskirts of Vauquois we progressed first 100 metres, then 400. We advanced likewise into the woods of Malancourt on the 20th and made progress on the 21st in the region of Bethincourt, and on the 22nd of Forges (December 21, 22, 23) with a gain of from 200 to 350 metres in these days. We gained 150 metres on the 24th in the woods of Comtevoisy, where, in spite of a violent bombardment and of counter-attacks, we maintained the conquered position.

"In the woods of Chevrières, finally, we gained 100 metres and took some prisoners; remarkable for their sordid dirtiness. They were covered from head to foot with a mass of vermin.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle the action has been less keen than upon the rest of the front. It has permitted us to register progress slowly, but this progress continues in the forest of Apremont and in the woods of Preire. We succeeded in destroying or silencing several batteries of the enemy's artillery in the Woevre district and in the forest of Apremont on the 20th. We demolished trenches in the same region on the 21st and 24th. We effectively bombarded the railroad station at Arneville on the 18th and 22nd.

"In the Vosges we gained 250 metres in the Le Ban de Sapt, and maintained at every point our gains of the preceding week. Near Clery our advance posts have been established within 1,500 metres of the city.

"In aerial warfare, in spite of extreme difficulty resulting from rain, wind and fog, our squadrons of aeroplanes and our dirigibles have done excellent work. One of the latter on the night of the 11th dropped fifteen bombs upon the railroad station at Sarrebourg, six upon that of Bettleich, five shells and a thousand arrows upon a train in the railroad station at Heilming. The damage done was important, and was accounted by German newspapers.

"On several occasions, on the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, our aviators engaged in chase to some German machines, obliged them to descend. On the 18th one of our aviators shot and killed a German pilot, whose machine crashed to earth. On another occasion, near Arras, an aviator was put to flight by twenty carbine shots.

"On another occasion, one of our officers was captured by an airplane, which succeeded in crossing our lines. The German aeroplane was badly damaged by a fusillade of shells. In spite of the state of the atmosphere some of our aviators on the 18th successfully dropped bombs and arrows upon the enemy's trenches; upon a concentration of troops on the 18th and 19th; upon railroad stations and trains on the 20th and 21st; upon a capital battery on the 21st; upon the port of Strasbourg on the Rhine, and the railroad depot at Dieuse on the 22nd.

"Prince Alexander of Teck has expressed his warm thanks to the chief of the air squadron which has operated upon the Belgian coast with the British aviators. This squadron has, in fact, effectively contributed toward the regulation of the fire of the battleships and in surveying the sea for the enemy's submarines."

Story of Desperate Battle Near Ypres; Germans Lost Six Regiments

London, Dec. 30.—From a British officer at the battle-front comes the thrilling story of a desperate battle near Ypres, where British and French almost annihilated six regiments of Germans. He says:

"Bearing a message from our commander to the general leading the troops in the region of Ypres, I reached his headquarters at noon. The headquarters are in the open in a beet field between two enormous stacks of straw. One hundred feet away a tottering farmhouse wall serves as shelter to my car. Accompanied by an officer of the Royal Service Corps, I crawl on all fours to another strawstack 300 yards off, from which I am told the impending battle can be seen.

"On top of the stack an English battery commander, speaking trumpet and glasses in hand, is directing the service of six field pieces. The trumpet is a necessity, for shells are bursting 200 yards from the battery and the noise is deafening.

"The Germans are slowly groping for the range, and in a few moments we shall have to seek another shelter and the captain will be forced to move his battery.

"High in the air three of the enemy's air scouts are circling directly over the battery, watching the effect of the shells. One suddenly rushes off toward the east.

"That fellow has gone off to tell his friends that they are about 200 yards off the range," my companion says.

"Better move," the battery captain has also guessed the air scout's errand. In an instant the horses spring forward, are hitched, and the six cannon are moved 300 yards to the left. We follow. The manoeuvre executed with clocklike precision, has taken six minutes. Six more and the guns are firing again.

"A belch of flame far on our right, a peal of thunder, and the stack, our former shelter, is scattered to the four winds. The Germans have found the range, but ten minutes too late. My companion smiles: 'What'd I tell you?'

"A long valley stretches out before us. The little rise on which we stand—about fifty feet above the plain—commands it, so that the British guns are almost horizontally at the German infantry trudging through the mud 2,000 yards away.

"I count easily five regiments together, but further to the right a sixth one evidently wards off a flank attack on the part of the French colonial troops, which I left this morning commanding twelve miles back.

"The lone regiment is the Second Prussian Regiment of the Guard, the Emperor's Own, the elite of the Kaiser's army, 2,500 of the bravest, most disciplined men in the world. It is now 1 o'clock. In one hour only 300 of these men will leave the field.

"A gust of wind brings to our ears the sound of music. The Guards' band is encouraging the men. At the foot of the small hill on which we stand are twenty lines of trenches filled with Scotch and English infantry. The men are silently awaiting the attack. Not a rifle is being fired. The trenches are the Germans' goal; these and the British batteries once taken, the road into Ypres is clear.

"Behind me there is the thunder of hoofs. Three more English batteries are joining us. The horses are unhitched and the caissons unlimbered, and five minutes have not elapsed before the newcomers have begun firing twenty-four mouths now belching flames and steel.

"In the valley the Germans halt. The range is only 1,500 yards now, and every shot is telling. The effects are appalling. The grey masses move onward more, seem to hesitate, but sharp bugle blasts launch them forward again, and on the run they come for the trenches.

"At 100 yards our batteries again stop them. Firing twenty-four shells a minute at that distance, whole rows are mowed down, vast spaces appearing between the ranks. The companies intermingled, then the regiments themselves seem to amalgamate and melt into one another. Officers are seen galloping along the sides, evidently trying to bring order out of chaos.

"The artillerymen work silently, the perspiration streaming down their cheeks, and continue sending on their messages of death.

"The Second Regiment of the Guard alone, off to the right, seems untouched, and on it comes. Suddenly the sound of a hornpipe is heard. The Scots are awake. From the trenches an avalanche rushes forward towards the disordered Germans.

"At the double quick Scots and English, a few feet apart, yelling like demons, pounce on the attackers. Rifles are silent. It is cold steel alone. Our battery captains cry 'Stop firing.' There is a risk of shelling our own men now. We become spectators.

"One of the battery commanders shouts, 'My God! Look, they're done for!' On the right the Guard Regiment has suddenly turned toward the hill. A bugle blast and the mass of men half turns and seems about to be thrown on the back of the British, outflanked. The situation is desperate. Our artillery is useless.

"Listen! Over the valley, rising louder and still louder, comes a song which the Germans have heard before. A crash of brass, a hoarse roar fills the air, echoing across the valley, drowning the shouts and curses of the human wave fighting below.

"The Marcellite—the English and Scots have heard it. 'Hold tight, the

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First car leaves City to Gorge ..... 5:55 a. m.  
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Last car leaves Gorge to City ..... 11:55 p. m.

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First car leaves City to Outer Wharf ..... 5:55 a. m.  
Last car leaves City to Outer Wharf ..... 11:40 p. m.  
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Last car leaves Outer Wharf to City ..... 11:52½ p. m.  
First car leaves City to Cloverdale ..... 6:02½ a. m.  
Last car leaves City to Cloverdale ..... 11:47½ p. m.  
First car leaves Cloverdale to City ..... 6:15 a. m.  
Last car leaves Cloverdale to City ..... 12:00 mid.

**BEACON HILL ROUTE—**  
15-minute service.  
First car leaves City to Beacon Hill ..... 6:02½ a. m.  
Last car leaves City to Beacon Hill ..... 11:47½ p. m.  
First car leaves Beacon Hill to City ..... 6:15 a. m.  
Last car leaves Beacon Hill to City ..... 12:00 mid.  
First car leaves City to Spring Ridge ..... 5:55 a. m.  
Last car leaves City to Spring Ridge ..... 11:40 p. m.  
First car leaves Spring Ridge to City ..... 6:02½ a. m.  
Last car leaves Spring Ridge to City ..... 11:52½ p. m.

**FOWL BAY ROUTE—**  
15-minute service.  
First car leaves City to Fowl Bay ..... 5:55 a. m.  
Last car leaves City to Fowl Bay ..... 11:37½ p. m.  
First car leaves Fowl Bay to City ..... 6:15 a. m.  
Last car leaves Fowl Bay to City ..... 12:00 mid.

On Sundays cars commence running at 9:00 a. m. and continue to run as on week days, but last cars leave one hour earlier from all terminals.

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"French are coming," we scream. They cannot hear us, but we must shout—the strain is too intense.

"Hut our batteries a company of Spanish rushes like a cyclone. Two more follow, then the Zouaves. Rifles close to their hips, bayonets low, throwing over the valley its glorious anthem, the human flood crashes against the guard.

"The lines waver in an indescribable jumble of grey, yellow, blue and red uniforms, then seem to bounce back from the very force of the shock. Men follow, raised from their feet and raised high in the air.

"Caught in a vise between the British and the French, the Guard alone remains. Ten times the shattered remnants of the Kaiser's proud regiment charged, and ten times was thrown back, first against the French and then against the British. Crying 'Comrades, comrades,' hundreds began throwing their guns aside.

"At 2 o'clock it was over. Only 300 prisoners remained of the Second Prussian Regiment of the Guard.

"Far over the plain covered with dead, at the end of the valley, a few straggling bands of Bavarians fled unpursued, while gathered around the batteries on the crest of the hill, under a fine rain which began falling, the Zouave band-played 'God Save the King,' which was also a hymn of deliverance."

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Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—S. W. Carroll, M. P. for South Cape Breton, and George W. Kyte, M. P. for Richmond, were chosen to-day to stand for the Liberal interests in the dual riding of South Cape Breton and Richmond at the forthcoming federal election.

**KAISER HAS RELAPSE IS RUMOR BY CABLE**  
New York, Dec. 31.—A special cable to the Tribune from Rome says: "It is rumored that the Kaiser has had a relapse and that his condition is serious. It is impossible to obtain confirmation of this report."

Mount Hercules, in the island of Papua, is said to be the highest mountain in the world, its altitude being 22,738 feet. Mount Everest, India, was until recently put down as the most lofty, but it is only 29,662 feet high.

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The king decorated the premier during the ceremony of baptism of the newly-born Princess Maria. He spoke warmly of the services rendered to the state by the premier.

**C. P. R. APPOINTMENT.**  
Montreal, Dec. 31.—The appointment of Grant Hall as vice-president and general manager at Winnipeg of C. P. R. lines west of Fort Arthur, reporting to George Bury, who has been elected vice-president of the company with headquarters at Montreal, was announced to-day by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

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**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next sitting, for a transfer of the hotel license to sell liquor by retail, now held by me in respect of the Victoria Hotel, situated at No. 1108 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, from myself to Joseph Balagou.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1914.  
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**CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY**

Court of Revision of Voters' List.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, January 4, 1915, at 8 p.m.

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**REPRIMANDED BUT WON THE VICTORIA CROSS**

Bombardier Sent to Hospital Returns to Firing-Line is Thrice Wounded

London, Dec. 31.—Bombardier—now Sergeant—Ernest George Harlock was reprimanded for the very acts which won him the Victoria Cross. He got the greatest mark of distinction Britain can offer her soldiers as the Gazette related: "For conspicuous gallantry when his battery was in action under a heavy shell fire, in that, although twice wounded, he persisted on each occasion in returning to lay his gun after his wounds had been dressed."

The story, as told by a comrade of the hero, adds much to the precise official phrases.

"Bombardier Harlock, as he then was, had rotten luck. We were in action in an open field and it was hot. I can tell you—Jack Johnson's burst in the ground there was a shrapnel shell burst right overhead simultaneously, and they kept on coming."

"Then one burst right under Harlock's gun and cut the trail in two, clean, and killed the No. 1. Harlock got splinters in his right thigh, not very severe, you know, just enough to keep him in hospital by rights, for two or three weeks, perhaps. So he went to the dressing station and the doctor dressed him and told him to get into the ambulance and go to the hospital."

"Well, Harlock got outside, but he doesn't look for any ambulance, but comes back to the battery. Hang me, he hadn't been there five minutes before he got it in the back. Down he walked once more to the dressing station and the doctor wanted to know why he hadn't gone to the hospital."

"Harlock says he couldn't see the ambulance, so when he was dressed the doctor puts him in charge of an orderly, and says that as he was able to walk to the battery he can do—well walk to the hospital."

"So the pair set out, but Harlock said to the orderly that the doctor seemed a bit 'narked,' and that the orderly's attention more than he did, and if the orderly went back to the dressing station he (Harlock) could find his way all right."

"The orderly agreed about it, but says to Harlock, 'No jokes, mind, or you'll get me into trouble.' You go straight to the hospital," Harlock said, "Good morning," and then changed the doctor's words around and thought that if he could do—well walk to the hospital, he could just as well walk back to the old 113th."

"So back he came again, and he hadn't been with us another five minutes before he got some splinters in an arm. It was rotten luck and he was afraid to go back to the doctor, so he just lay there till we went out of action in the evening."

"Some of our officers saw the doctor that night and told him about Harlock, and then they had him down and reprimanded him. But I think they had their tongues in their cheeks when they did it. Anyhow he's promoted sergeant and got the V. C."

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**AEROPLANES ATTACK DUNKIRK AND FURNES**

Fifteen Persons Killed and Thirty-Two Wounded; Several Buildings Struck

London, Dec. 30.—News reached Dover last night that a squadron of seven aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk yesterday (Wednesday) and dropped bombs. Two bombs also were dropped on Furnes.

The attack on Furnes was evidently an effort to wipe out the Belgian headquarters, where King Albert is at present. No damage was done there. Dunkirk, which is on the eastern side of the English channel, almost opposite Dover, has been the target of German aviators for a long time. It is probable that the attack was made to discover British troops on their way from England to the battlefield. Dunkirk is one of the chief ports used for disembarking reinforcements.

Dunkirk, Dec. 30.—In answer to the British aeroplane attack on Cuxhaven, German aviators to-day raided Dunkirk, and for more than half an hour were dropping bombs all over the town.

According to the official returns already in, fifteen persons were killed and thirty-two wounded. The bombs threw up great clouds of smoke. One was dropped in the Rue Caumartin, one in the kitchen of the military hospital, one near the town hall, others in the Rue Pierre and the Rue Nieupport, and one near the arsenal.

Two fell in the suburbs of Rosendaal, on a factory. The streets of Coudekerke and Furnes also suffered, and many were wounded. One child had an arm blown off, while another, with an old woman, was killed outright, being dreadfully disfigured.

The bombs were filled with shrapnel, which pitted the walls and buildings. A horse in the Rue Nieupport, close to the spot where a bomb fell, was mutilated.

British ambulances carried the wounded to the hospitals. Some were dead on their arrival. A fifth German aeroplane was stationed as a sentry outside the town, taking no part in the raid, but holding itself in readiness to attack any of the allies, according to the official reports.

Soldiers in the streets fired on the invading fleet, and one Taube seemed to be hit, but all got away safely.

**HOW ST. GEORGES WAS TAKEN FROM GERMANS**

Six French Bluejackets Poled Gun on Bunt Along Canal Under Fire

Paris, Dec. 31.—How the heroic self-sacrifice of six French bluejackets made possible the capture of St. Georges, a town less than two miles from Nieuport is described by the Matin's war correspondent in Flanders. He says: "The attack had driven the Germans from the advance trenches, but taking refuge in the houses of the village, the Germans soon placed their assailants in a difficult position. The situation of a force of Belgians isolated on a strip of land surrounded by a flood became critical, and the artillery alone was able to effect anything against the enemy. The bluejackets, however, were in the front, but their shells burst over the French."

"Six bluejackets then loaded a three-inch gun on a large punt, and poled along the canal behind the village, running the gauntlet of the German rifles. As on was hit another took the pole, and continued until he in turn fell, as with a last push he sent the punt to the bank where the French advance squad was waiting."

"The gun was quickly loaded, and a few shots at 300 yards brought the houses on top of the Germans, who retreated into the arms of a battalion of Belgians. The latter completed the enemy's rout."

"Meanwhile the French column triumphantly took possession of the heap of ruins which was formerly St. Georges, and before night the engineers had established a bridge head, enabling the allies' artillery to debouch on the right bank of the Yser."

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**SERVIANS HAVE AMPLE AMMUNITION SUPPLY**

Paris, Dec. 31.—"The Servians will not march on Sarajevo," said Dr. M. R. Vespitch, the Servian minister to France, according to a statement by him published here. "They will penetrate either to Sirmia, the westernmost country of Slavonia, Hungary, by way of Semlin or Banat, a region of Southern Hungary, by way of Panosova."

"The invasion of Bosnia and Herzegovina populated by Slavs, and which are destined to become Servian, would leave the Hungarians indifferent. An invasion of Hungary, however, especially if made by way of the region north of the Danube would greatly increase the apprehension now reigning in that country."

"The Servian troops are now amply provided with ammunition and supplies."

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**MINISTER OF MILITIA COMES WEST NEXT WEEK**

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Major-General Hughes, minister of militia, expects to leave at the beginning of next week for the west to inspect the troops concentrated at points from Winnipeg to Victoria. The trip will occupy ten days or a fortnight. It is expected that immediately on his return the minister will arrange for the transport of the second Canadian contingent across the Atlantic.

They will be conveyed across the Atlantic by a squadron of British cruisers, as was the first contingent. Halifax will be the port of departure.

**WOOD STORES GUARDED FROM ATTACK BY AIR**

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—Three large wood stores in Goch, a German industrial town of about 5,000 population in the Rhine province of Prussia, but a few minutes' ride from the border of Holland, have been placed under constant surveillance in fear of British aeroplane attack, according to a dispatch to the Telegraf. It is reported that two aviators have recently been seen over the town, although whether they were defenders watching for British machines or were scouting British aviators is not known.

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NO PAPER NEW YEAR'S DAY.

As to-morrow will be a statutory holiday throughout Canada, and all the agencies for the collection of news suspended for the day, the Times will not be published in the afternoon. If any bulletins of importance arrive from the war front they will be posted in the windows of the business office.

THE WAR

At the end of five months Germany is farther than ever from the goal she set out to reach last August. The plans upon which her general staff had been engaged for ten years and upon which her whole military preparation was based have been thrown into the discard. No longer is Paris the objective, no longer is there the intention of crushing the French and Russian armies and walking over the "contemptible little force" of General French. Germany is fighting to hold what she has taken, fighting for a foundation for peace terms, while Austria and Turkey are fighting for their lives.

What is the situation at the end of 1914? On both fronts Germany's hands are tied, while shattering blows are being dealt at her Austrian ally, the vulnerable spot in the Teutonic armor. This is the immediate objective of Russian strategy and explains the relative indifference of Petrograd to the fortunes of the campaign before Warsaw. When Austria-Hungary begins to stagger new factors will enter into the fray. Roumania, Italy and Greece will complete the destruction begun in Galicia and Serbia. This politico-military course can be pursued by the allies only by keeping the formidable hosts of Germany employed on both fronts. Therefore she is unable to send the assistance Hungary is furiously demanding.

Thus we find Russia satisfied to keep in check the enemy in east Prussia, and northwest, west and southwest of Warsaw, while her armies work their will with the Austrian troops in western Galicia and in the Carpathians. Germany has sacrificed a quarter of a million men to run up against a wall of bayonets along the Bzura, Rawka, Pilica and Nida. What would Austria not give for those 250,000 troops at this juncture? Her own shattered armies are in full retreat towards the Carpathian passes and towards Cracow. They no longer constitute a part of the main Austro-German front. She has been compelled to announce her inability to pursue her Serbian campaign, and in fact to participate in any further offensive operations. She must now fight solely on the defensive and an isolated defensive which presages her ruin. This announcement, by the way, is one of the most significant communications that have been issued since the war began. It is equivalent to a notification to Berlin that Austria henceforth intends to fight her own battles in her own way. There is a growing rift in the Germanic lute which will broaden into a definite separation.

When Germany began this war she held all the cards. She was ready a month before hostilities opened. Her mobilization instructions were six weeks old when the fighting started. Her railroad system on both fronts gave to every single army corps the actual value of two corps. She was superior in numbers, in heavy artillery and in transport. Yet she could not maintain a successful offensive movement beyond a month. Her armies were soundly beaten on the Marne and she has lost ground steadily since then. She has lost one general of more than average ability, von Hindenburg, and even his operations, during though they have been, have failed decisively in every case. This is his third invasion of Russia and it is on the verge of defeat. We read a great deal of the "most formidable army in the world"

from eulogists who mistake an imposing panoply and a fancy goose-step for evidence of fighting ability and good leadership, but the fact is that the German army is no better nor worse than the Prussian army was when it served under Blucher. It was outmanoeuvred and outfought by the French with heart-breaking frequency.

OLD YEAR AND NEW.

In accordance with our system of measuring time and marking the progress of human events, we have reached the end of another year. To-night we close the records of the past, and look forward into the future. In some respects 1914 has proved a year of gloom, although the prospects were, if not precisely rosy, at least reassuring, a short twelve months ago. The unexpected happened in Europe, and the anticipations of business on this continent have not been fully realized. There has been a falling off in activity here as elsewhere; but there is a silver lining to the cloud of depression. With characteristic western faith in the future, we are adjusting our circumstances to the new conditions, trimming our sails to ride out the gale and looking forward hopefully to serene waters and smooth sailing after the flurry has passed over our heads. There are peaceful waters ahead just as certainly as the sun has passed the ultimate point of his annual southern pilgrimage, and is returning to lengthen the days and warm our old earth into new life and productivity.

The experience we are passing through as a community will prove a blessing, although its beneficence may be disguised for a time. It will restore us to a fitting sense of proportion and remove much that was proving detrimental to progress. Permanent prosperity cannot be based upon inflation and high prices. In these latter days, with rapid means of communication by land and sea, the world is too closely knit together for one community to make real progress under exceptional conditions. Owing to her situation Victoria to be permanently prosperous and sustainedly progressive must be in a position to offer special inducements to people seeking to establish themselves in places where the climatic conditions are desirable. But other things must be added—other things which of late have been disregarded. At the beginning of the year 1915 we think we observe signs of a restoration of the normal. We believe we are leaving the abnormal behind, and entering upon the normal again. That is why we think there are abundant reasons for thankfulness and optimism as we enter the year 1915, and that it should be welcomed with just as great enthusiasm and exuberance as ever.

Of one thing we are sure, the Times has greatly extended the list of its friends during the old year. It is confident that it will make many more during the year upon which we all are entering, and it wishes everybody happiness and prosperity.

1914 AND THE WAR.

The end of the year 1914 finds people asking themselves if all the sacrifices of civilization have been in vain, if the world has relapsed into barbarism. In Europe men are being slaughtered in millions, primitive passions are unloosed and racial hatred has reached a violence never known before. The most sombre pages of history are being written in passages which posterity will not read without shuddering. But behind this awful pain lies the promise of a brighter day for the world. The war is letting out the poisons which were insidiously destroying the whole body politic. It is the discharge from the sore which has been festering for years, formed of the hatred and suspicion inherited from past wrongs. Without this conflict the animosities of centuries never would have been removed. They would have been nursed in dark places until every avenue of human society had been tainted and the world would have sunk into an abysmal of lawlessness and bloody violence.

Despite the progress of the peace propagandists, humanity had not reached a stage of development where swords might be turned into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks. As long as the light of pan-Germanism existed peace could be exemplified only by a figure in shining armor. Slavery is not one of the attributes of civilization. On the contrary, it represents deterioration and degradation. Yet the condition of the greater part of the world would have been practical bondage were it not for the fearful carnage now staining the fertile plains of Europe. Getting for the moment groupings of alliances and ententes, boundary lines and ancient international grievances, we can see that the forces of the only progress consonant with Christianity are fighting to the finish a system whose triumph would be the triumph of a gross materialism which would rear an empire upon the corpse of freedom. Serfdom on this continent was abolished by a war whose horrors were not less than those of this upheaval. An even worse slavery will be averted in consequence of the conflict raging in the old world. What, indeed,

could be worse for civilization than the predominance of three powers like Germany, Austria and Turkey, whose ideals are so common that an alliance between them was a logical and natural development?

The world will be better for this war. The lowering clouds, after having broken and discharged their thunderbolts, will pass away. The sun will shine upon the graves of the brave men through whose sacrifice an era of peace will be ushered in. Racial unties, parted for centuries, will be restored. The forces of reaction will be interred in the ditch in which they are making their last stand. The claim of the weak to protection from the brutal strong will be respected. This conclusion has arisen at a psychological moment, when the world was at the parting of the ways.

NOTHING PERSONAL.

British and Germans in Belgium and French and Germans along the Meuse exchanged greetings on Christmas Day. In some instances they visited one another's trenches under flags of truce and for the time being forgot the war and its issues. This interchange of goodwill, of course, was wholly unofficial, but it shows that the clouds which lower over Europe have not obscured altogether the sunlight. There is nothing personal in the attitude of the average soldier in one trench towards the soldier opposite him. They are merely cogs in the gigantic machines which are crashing against each other. We imagine that this is true of the great majority of the German soldiers in spite of the brutality of the system they are endeavoring to uphold. For the origin of their methods we must look to the caste which is nourished in the atmosphere of Potsdam composed of the men who have absorbed the doctrines of von Bernhardi and Treitschke. They are the bullies and the brutes at whose door rests the responsibility for the outrages in Belgium; they are the men who must be exterminated before this war is ended.

When the warmakers have been wiped out, the hatred and suspicion which they have inculcated in the German people soon will pass away. The public will learn more about those against whom they fought. They will realize that no people have any designs upon the heritage that rightfully belongs to them; that nobody desires to enslave them, but that, on the contrary, they can look across the Rhine and the North Sea for goodwill, friendly counsel and assistance in their pursuit of peaceful progress. The French and British viewed one another with suspicion and un concealed animosity for centuries. All that is past, and for ten years they have worked together to a common goal. We predict that one of the consequences of this war will be a similar revolution of sentiment between the German people and their present foes, for the apostles of force as the only agency of progress will have become extinct. German militarism is a curse to the world, but a German democracy would be an instrument of great good.

THE ALLIES AND NEUTRALS.

There is little doubt that the difficulty which has arisen between Great Britain and France and the United States relative to the interruption of American commerce owing to the necessities of the situation which confronts the allies will be amicably adjusted. The Washington government concedes to the belligerents the right of search, but protests against the detention of cargoes except upon direct evidence that they are destined for Germany, Austria or Turkey. But in spite of the vigilance of the American authorities there is no question that large quantities of contraband war material are being imported by Germany through neutral countries, and it is quite conceivable that the necessity of checking this, which for their own good Great Britain and France cannot avoid, work considerable hardship on American industry.

Undoubtedly the allies will make liberal concessions to the great neutral power whose preponderating sentiment is favorable to their cause, but there is a limit beyond which it would be dangerous for them to go. This war shakes the economic structure of the entire world. Neutrals cannot expect to be free from its disturbing effects. Nations are too intimately inter-related for belligerents to occupy all of the shadow. It would be better for the world if every neutral democracy took a hand, and assisted in the quick strangulation of Prussianism and Turkism.

Fortunately, the question of supplies imported into Germany from neutral countries soon will adjust itself. Italy, Greece and Roumania will be in the struggle before many weeks have passed, and one considerable route of contraband will be blocked. Scandinavia, Holland and Denmark are unable yet to prevent the use of their ports for the smuggling of supplies for the Teutonic powers. They will be in a position to take sterner measures as the struggle proceeds, when they be-

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come convinced that the collapse of Germany's powers of offence is imminent.

A CHANGE OF HEART.

On the second page of the annual report of the Canadian Naval Department appears this statement: "Owing to the decision of the government not to continue H. M. C. ships Niobe and Rainbow in full commission, the course of exercises and training for these ships has been discontinued, and they are at present manned by nucleus crews."

The report is dated July 1, 1914. Needless to say, in regard to the Rainbow the government did not have an opportunity to carry out its intention. As to the Niobe, however, it made considerable progress towards that end. That vessel, more formidable than many of the cruisers which have been guarding British and Japanese commerce, was permitted to be uncommissioned for some weeks after the outbreak, to the great irritation of masters of merchant ships requiring protection. Finally she was placed in commission, manned very considerably by men trained in Newfoundland.

"REFLECTIONS."

When I pass beyond the border, Will God let me then reflect, On my selfish aims and wishes, My unkindness and neglect? That a burden I'd have lightened Had I only lent a hand, Had I heeded the pains and smartings, On my way to gloryland? Had I smiled along life's journey, With a winning, winsome smile, 'Twould have helped some fellow traveler 'O'er many a weary mile. If my eyes had only sparkled With a light from my soul, 'Twould have made his task seem lighter As he struggled to the goal. As he stumbled and he plodded On the great highway of life, With my shoulder 'neath his burden I'd have helped him in the strife; I'd have helped him if I'd only Had the sense to stop and think Of the dangers lurking round him. I'd have drawn him from their brink, But this life is haste and hustle, -And to self I bow the knee, Tell me—When I've crossed the Jordan, What will men say to me? W. CALVEY.

WHAT SEA POWER BRINGS.

London Telegraph. In the opening months of the New Year we shall possess a larger army than we have ever had before—owing to the sea power. Our enemies, though they, no doubt, have resources of men still available, must be seriously handicapped in fitting them for the field, because they have lost their maritime communications, and it is impossible for them to obtain reinforcements necessary for the creation of millions of war must be obtained.

RESTORATION TO DENMARK.

London Chronicle. When peace is made most Englishmen would be much disappointed if it failed to include the restoration by Germany of Danish Schleswig, the victim of an act of spoliation, which to this day, 69 years after the event, has continued to send Danish representatives to the Reichstag to protest against its wrong.

IT SEEMS HARDLY ENOUGH.

Providence (R. I.) Journal. If Germany has paid the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg \$2,200 for the privilege of invading its territory on the way to France, how much would have been considered a fair price in the case of Belgium if the latter country had adopted a policy of non-resistance? Probably the Kaiser would be willing to pay the United States as high as \$50,000 for the privilege of using our northern frontier in an attack on Canada.

THE "FREEDOM" OF GERMANY.

London Times. The sin of Germany is that it is enslaved, not to another nation, but to its own desire for victory, and not through misfortune, but by its own choice. And a nation which is so enslaved cannot cast itself free, however strong it may seem; and will cease to call itself free as soon as it discovers that its slavery is not even profitable.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED DAVID SPENCER'S LTD. 37th Annual Sale STARTS SATURDAY See Window Displays and Our Full Announcement on Page 9

Offerings Crowded Out of Page 9 as Follows.

Three Dozen White Flannel-ette Sleepers To Clear at 25c Warm cosy garments for children to wear on cold nights. A heavy quality flannel-ette, made with feet and to fasten down the back. Sizes 4 and 6 years only. Values to 85c. January Clearance price, each 25c. —First Floor

Children's Flannelette Pyjamas Values to \$1.75. To Clear at 75c Well-made garments in good quality striped flannelette, pink and blue shades. Sizes to fit children from 2 to 12 years. A splendid opportunity to buy necessary garments at a saving. —First Floor

Bargains in Staple Goods 150 Pairs Full-Size Sheets: regular \$1.75 value, January Sale price, pair \$1.25 300 Dozen Hemstitched Pillow Cases, worth \$1.00 doz, January Sale price, each 25c 500 Yards Circular Pillow Cottons, reg. 25c, quality, January Sale price, per yard 19c 150 Pairs Large Size Woolen Blankets, reg. \$5.50 grade, January Sale price, per pair \$4.25 120 Pairs Full Size Blankets, extra quality, regular \$5.75 value, January Sale price, per pair \$4.35 50 Pairs Silver Grey Blankets, regular \$5.50 grade, January Sale price, per pair \$4.25 100 Full-Size Grecian Quilts, reg. \$1.55 grade, January Sale price, each \$1.65 50 Only Colored Bedspreads, reg. \$1.75 grade, January Sale price, each \$1.50 600 Yards Fancy Flannelette and Empire Twills, reg. 20c grade, for, per yard 12c 800 Yards Velvet Robes and Melton Flannelette, reg. 25c grades, January Sale price, per yard 15c 36-in. White Flannelette—Reg. 20c quality, January Sale price, per yard 15c 8 Pieces Only Eiderdown Flannelette, reg. 25c grade, January Sale price, per pair 15c White Cottons and Cambrics—36-in. reg. 12 1/2c grade for yard 9c 36-in. fine cambrics, reg. 25c grade, for yard 17 1/2c 36-in. extra fine cambrics, reg. 30c grade, for, yard 22 1/2c Honey-Comb and Turkish—Fringed ends, reg. \$1.50 doz. Sale, each 10c Fringed ends, large size, reg. \$2.20 doz. Sale, each 15c Fringed ends, fine quality, reg. \$3.00 doz. Sale, each 20c White and Colored Turkish Towels—Values to 50c for 25c 25c A big assortment placed on the bargain table for your own choice. Get early and have first pick. 50 Dozen Fancy Linens—Reg. 75c and \$1.00 values for, each 25c —Main Floor

January Sale in the Corset Department The Corset Department offers Bargains well worth while in good reliable qualities—qualities that have a name and a worldwide reputation. \$3.50 MONA CORSET FOR \$1.95—The Mona is considered the most wonderful Corset ever made for the money. This model is made of heavy coutil, boned throughout with double wire and has the Improved Reducing Bands. For a medium without figure. \$1.50 D. & A. CORSET FOR \$1.00—A clean saving to you of one-third, and you buy a good, reliable model. Made of extra quality coutil, reinforced over the abdomen, with graduating front steels. LA CAMILLE SPECIAL AT \$3.00—The Front Lace Corset, with the "Ventilo" back. This is an exceptional sale offering well worth an early investigation. LADIES' BRASSIERES, VALUES TO \$3.50 TO CLEAR AT 50c There will be a big rush for these, for the lot includes some extraordinary bargains. A good assortment to choose from but chiefly in small sizes. —First Floor

January Sale of Women's and Children's Hose These extraordinary low prices on dependable quality hose should encourage you to buy in a stock to last for many months to come. Children's Black Cashmere Hose—Sizes 6, 6 1/2 and 7 only, all perfect goods and regularly sold at 95c and 40c, double foot and spliced heel. Extra special for the January Sale, per pair 15c Ladies' Cashmere Hose—In black only, seamless, January Sale price, per pair 25c Penman's Seamless Cashmere Hose—January Sale price, per pair 35c Three pairs for \$1.00 —Main Floor

January Bargains in Ladies' Neckwear and Accessories Muslin and Lace Collars—New styles, regular values to \$1.00, January Sale price, each 25c 25c Muslin and Lace Collars, also Yokes—Regular values to \$1.50, January Sale price, each 50c 50c Fancy and Plain Ribbons—In white and colors, values to 35c. for, per yard 15c Black Veiling—Values to \$1.50 to clear at, per yard 25c 25c Fancy Scarves, in lace, silk and crepe de chine, all to clear at half price. Linen and Dutch Fancy Collars—Clearing at, each 25c 25c Colored and Plain White Bordered Handkerchiefs—To clear at, per dozen 50c 50c Fancy Handkerchiefs—To clear at 3 for 25c —Main Floor

Two Big Specials in Flannelette Night-Gowns at 95c, 65c Women's Flannelette Night-Gowns in white and pink, beautiful soft quality, well made and variously trimmed with embroidery. Made in Canada. 95c January Sale price. 65c Women's Flannelette Night-Gowns, a nice soft quality, made with tucked yoke, neck and sleeves finished with frill of self. Very special for the January Sale 65c —First Floor

Two Special in Women's All-Wool Underwear Watson's All-wool Vests and Drawers, in natural shade, beautifully made and finished. Regularly sold at \$1.25. January Sale price, per garment 75c 75c Turnbull's All-wool Vests and Drawers, natural shade, suitable for wear the year round. Regular price \$1.25 to \$1.35. Special for the January Sale, per garment at 75c —First Floor

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# A New Tooth Brush

Is one of the things which you have been meaning to get for a week or more—do not forget it to day, and remember that for Sponges, Sponge Bags, Tooth Brushes, etc., there is no place like

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Industrial are now prepared to supply the public with Cordwood cut by the way...  
4 ft. blocks ..... \$4.50  
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Split ..... \$6.00  
delivered.  
Packing in 40c extra.  
Phone 5046. Half Cord Sold.

### University School FOR BOYS

SCHOLARSHIPS are available—one for boys under twelve years of age, and one for boys under fifteen years attending the school.  
Easter Term commences Monday, January 11, 1915.  
Warden—R. V. Harvey, Esq., M. A., (Cantab)  
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For particulars and prospectus apply to the Headmaster.  
**Mount Tolmie, Victoria, B.C.**

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Can easily be done before New Year's Day if you come to-day to private sanitarium for **CATLIN TREATMENT**. The only effective, safe remedy. Talk it over with us.

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#### DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Edward Patterson and Oswald Henry Dorman, trading at 581 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C. (as Patterson & Dorman, Clothiers and Gents' Furnishers), is dissolved by mutual consent on the 15th day of December, 1914. Oswald H. Dorman will receive all moneys due the firm and pay all legal debts of the same up to the above date.  
EDWARD PATTERSON  
OSWALD HENRY DORMAN

To the educated and reader QUALITY OF GOODS is of first importance—price concessions secondary.

## BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

**Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies' Tailor shop, Campbell building, corner Fort and Douglas streets.**  
Ohlson's Roses are the best.  
The B. C. Funeral Co.—Always open. Private parlors and large chapel. Reasonable charges for all services, 724 Broughton street.  
For Fire, marine, automobile, liability, sickness and accident, plate glass, elevator and employers' liability, consult Gillespie, Hart & Todd, general agents for British Columbia. All claims settled and paid by our office.  
**Montrose Rooms**—Blanshard street, are exceptionally well ventilated and heated. If looking for a bright cosy room for the winter months it will pay you to examine these. Special low rates are being asked.

**Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c.**  
**Toot, Toot, Make a Noise**—New Year's Eve loud sounding horns, 10c at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.  
**Sands Funeral Furnishing Co., Ltd.** Lady in attendance; charges reasonable. Phone 3308, day or night. Office and chapel, 1515 Quadra Street.  
**The Key Shop, 610 Pandora.**  
**Hanna & Thomson, Undertakers,** 827-Pandora Avenue. Phone 498. Open day and night. Motor Hearse in connection.

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**Taxi Service**—Far the best and most up-to-date in the city. C. & C. Taxicabs. Phone 185.  
**White Sewing Machine Store, 1221 Douglas.**  
**Of Course You Will continue to get** in the New Year your Merchants' Lunch, 25c, at the Blanshard Inn next Public Library.  
**Piano for Rent, \$4. Phone 2507K.**

**This War Has Shown the Thinking Canadian** that as long as a man has a farm of his own he cannot lose his job, and his food problem is solved for him. A clerk, dependent on the resources of the city in which he lives, when he is thrown out of work feels the ground slipping from under his feet—precisely because it is not his ground. Maude Radford Warren in the Saturday Evening Post.  
If you want some ground of your own in close touch with the E. & N. railway in the Nahsoo and Newcastle districts with five years in which to pay for it, write or call on the Vancouver Island Fruit Lands, Ltd., General Agents, Carmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

**After Christmas** have things repaired at Wilson's Repair Shop, 614 Cormorant Street.  
**Going to Entertain New Year's Day?**—Wine glasses, \$1.50 dozen; tumblers, 50c dozen; soda glasses, 75c dozen; decanters, 50c each; turkey platters, 50c; dinner plates \$1.25 dozen. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas Street.  
**Hotel Ritz, winter rates, rooms, \$2 per week and up. Turkey dinner, New Year's Day and Sunday, 50c.**  
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**The Best Resolution for 1915** is to daily get your lunch, 25c, at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.  
**Dry Fir Cordwood, \$5.00 per cord, \$2.50 half cord, delivered. Phone 2545.**  
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### Holiday Prices

#### On Automobile Tires at Plimley's

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30x3 1/2, Plain, \$14.75; Non-skid, \$19.85; Tube, \$3.25.

**Special Overland Tires**  
Size 32x3 1/2, Plain, \$16.50; Non-skid, \$23.10; Tubes, \$3.50.  
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The Standard Lye of Canada. Has many imitations but no equal.

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 31, 1889.

A party who have been exploring the northern end of Vancouver Island and Queen Charlotte Islands under Mr. A. L. Poudrier, C. E., returned on the Sardonny. They were working for coal and other minerals and being engaged for private parties, no information is forthcoming.  
At 12 o'clock to-night, just as the old year of 1889 is dying away and the new year of 1890 is coming on, the bell which for twenty years past has done duty on the hook and ladder house, will ring its last farewell at the old quarry. After the new year the present wooden structure is to be pulled down, the Hudson's Bay Company having decided to erect on the site a fine brick building. The ball will be moved to the Deluge engine house.  
J. Roscowitz and Sons have taken premises at No. 19, Fort street and will carry on a general trade there as fur dealers and as general brokers. Mr. Roscowitz has been engaged in the sealing business for many years.

## LIST COMPLETED

**Mr. Baker Temporarily in Charge of Oaklands School; Mr. Marr Declines.**  
The assignment of teachers in the Victoria schools was completed by Inspector Paul to-day. In accordance with the decision of the school board, no appointment is made to the principalship of the Oaklands school, R. S. Baker being temporarily appointed acting principal.  
Mr. Marr has declined the position of Latin instructor at the high school, as his trustees at Chilliwack will not release him at this time from the position he holds with the high school there. Mr. Hope, who had been appointed inspector, has consented to continue to act till the new board has an opportunity to make another selection.  
Some of the transfers of teachers effective on Monday, when the schools reopen, are:  
Miss M. E. Watson, from Burnside to South Park school.  
Miss Charlotte Stoddart, from George Jay to Protestant Orphanage.  
Miss A. E. Andrews, from Boys Central to Girls' Central.  
Miss E. McArthur, from King's Road to Sir James Douglas.  
Miss Gertrude Field, from Victoria West to Margaret Jenkins.  
Miss J. Hayes, from Margaret Jenkins to Victoria West.  
Miss Mildred Chrow, from Girls' Central to King's Road.

## GOOD-BYE TO THE TROUBLES OF 1914

The bells of New Year's eve will ring out a peck of troubles. But, after all, 1914 was not as bad a year as some of us feared. It has taught us many valuable lessons. It has made us more self-reliant. We are in better shape to welcome 1915.  
What will the New Year be? It will be just as good as we make it and as bad as we make it. Begin planning to-day. Look to the future with courage. Be aggressive. Advertise. Let the world know you intend to make 1915 your biggest business year.

## SERGEANTS' BALL A BRILLIANT EVENT

Over Five Hundred Participate in Enjoyable Function at Alexandra Hall  
The old year, despite some of the unpleasant things which it has brought with it, is not being shouldered off too rudely. It would be impossible to imagine a gayer celebration of some of the closing hours than that which took place last evening at the Alexandra hall when more than five hundred people, apparently as light-hearted as in any time gone by, danced to blithe dance measures at the first annual ball of the sergeants' mess of the Gordon Highlanders. The most admirable of hosts, nothing lacked to a thorough enjoyment of the occasion, and it was with a genuine expression of regret that the guests departed in the wee sma' hours of the morning for their homes.  
Gay as the scene would have been in itself, with the bright frocks of the ladies, offset by the even more brilliant red doublets and plaid of the Gordon Highlanders, the decorations were of a character to enhance the colorful effect. These were the result of the combined energies of the sergeants' committee, headed by Sergeant-Major Stewart, and of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., headed by Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Coy and Mrs. Bullen. At the far end of the hall, which was occupied by Miss Thain's seven-piece orchestra, the Union Jack, flanked on either side by the Irish and Scotch standards, lent splendid color to the walls, while added dignity was given by the regimental crest high over all in purple and gold, "Raidh Na Baidh," "Victory or Death," facing it from the other end of the hall being the other motto, "Byland," "Stand Fast."  
Along the walls were wreaths of the hero's emblem, laurel, studded with tiny flags of the empire and overseas dominions, the brilliant colors here and there arresting the eye with their pleasing effect.  
In the supper-room, where Mr. Campbell was the presiding genius for the evening, another very effective scheme of decoration had been carried out, the mantel-piece, representing a snow scene showing the figures of the British flag, the lion rampant, and a tiny soldier on guard. The tables were bright beneath their crimson lights, while poinsettias and laurel gave added color. The supper was altogether excellent, four sets of supper-tickets having to be issued to accommodate the big crush of guests.  
The Grand March, with which the ball opened at 8.30, was led off by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Barnard and Mrs. Coy, Lieut.-Col. Coy and Mrs. Barnard, Major Riddell and Mrs. Bullen, and Captain Forsythe and Mrs. Riddell. A guard of honor, consisting of six men of the 50th Highlanders' Regiment, met His Honor and Mrs. Barnard at the entrance, accompanying the Lieutenant-Governor being J. S. Maskett and Capt. B. H. T. Drake, Hon. A. D. C. Others who headed the grand march included Lieutenant-Colonel Bott and Mrs. Bott, Major Barclay and Mrs. Barclay and Major Hodgins and Mrs. Hodgins.

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## Songs You Ought to Know

A Few of the New Successful Selections Lately Arrived

Daily we receive requests for lists of the new songs, and here we give a fairly comprehensive summary of the titles of selections just received. With one or two exceptions these songs are brand new and each is noteworthy in its own class.  
The demand for the now famous woman's recruiting song, "Your King and Country Want You," as sung by Maggie Teyte, has increased steadily. The returns from the sale of this song go to the Patriotic Fund.

In the list given below is cited "The Song of Songs," one of the daintiest little songs of the year, a translation from the French, which has set New York music-lovers agog this winter. It is sure to be popular here. Besides the songs listed below we also stock Schirmer's, Augener's, and Peters' editions; the latest song cycles by Woodford-Finden, Liza Lehmann, Herman Lohr, Montague Phillips and many others; musical catechisms and dictionaries; treatises on harmony and counterpoint.

## Glance at This List and Order Some To-day

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| "At Benediction"         | "Girl on the Film"   |
| "The Hills of Donegal"   | "Waltzes"            |
| "Mavis"                  | "My Garden"          |
| "Lead Thou Me On"        | "The Angel's Ladder" |
| "Little Playmates"       | "When-as-a Lad"      |
| "After the Girl Waltzes" | "The Song of Songs"  |
| "Golden Dawn"            | "Pearl Girl Waltzes" |
- Four of the Very Latest Patriotic Songs**  
"Your King and Country Want You"  
"England's Call"  
"The Rally Call"  
"Boys-of-the-King"

## FLETCHER BROS.

WESTERN CANADA'S LARGEST MUSIC HOUSE  
1231 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

Practically every regiment stationed in the city was represented both by officers and men, while a few of the naval men were also present.  
The programme was characterized by a number of picturesque Highland and other Scottish dances, including the Scotch reel, the Highland scottische, the valletta and others, many of the kilted dancers being medallists whose fleet-footedness was a source of general admiration in some of the more difficult figures.  
To the following committees of the sergeants' mess the guests are indebted for the excellence of the arrangements: Sergt-Major Stewart, Arm.; Sergt. Wishart, Col. Sergt. Sheriff, Col.; Sergt. Hudson, and Sergt. MacDonald. The members of the Lady Douglas Chapter who worked so untiringly to ensure the perfection of the decorations of the hour, all the officers wearing a ribbon of the Gordon tartan held in place by the I. O. D. E. pin.  
The members were as follows: Lady McBride, honorary regent, looking handsome in a beautiful model gown of sapphire charmusee encrusted with gold; Mrs. R. E. McClellan, in black lace; Mrs. Robinson, in black lace; Mrs. Roston, in Alice blue silk; Dr. Annie Cleland, in white charmusee with black chiffon over-dress; Mrs. Willie Holmes, Mrs. J. D. Gordon, in black satin; Miss Tolmie, in black satin with Spanish scarf; Miss E. Tolmie, in black satin with sequin over-dress; Mrs. Joan Tolmie, in flowered charmusee; Mrs. Renwick, white chiffon over satin; Mrs. Coy, in Oriental brocade and lace; Mrs. Lorne Ross, Mrs. Purser and Mrs. Peter Turner, wearing tomato chiffon edged with maribout, over white satin.

## PRESENTED WITH GLOVES

Time-Honored Ceremony Observed at Police Court This Morning; Clean Charge Sheet.  
For the first time in many months Magistrate Jay was this morning at the city police court presented with a pair of white gloves, there being not a single name on the charge sheet nor a summons case of any description.  
In making the presentation, City Prosecutor Harrison commented on the fact that it was many months ago that the time-honored little ceremony had last been observed. The police department was one of the hardest working in the city, and he thought that the occasion was a very appropriate one, being the last day of the year 1914.  
In reply Magistrate Jay stated that he hoped such a happy condition of affairs would long continue. He wished all present a Happy New Year.  
The clerk then declared the court adjourned until next year.

**Australian Mail**—The outgoing Australian mail, by way of San Francisco, leaves at the post office here to-morrow at 4.30 p. m.

**Disowned at Quarries**—The men at the Albert Head quarries of the Sir John Jackson (Canada) company deny that Samuel Newton, who is awaiting trial in the county court on Tuesday on a serious charge, has anything to do with that place.

**Centennial Entertainment**—The schoolroom of Centennial church was crowded with young people last evening on the occasion of the annual supper to the boys and girls of the intermediate department of the Sunday school. The teachers of the respective classes waited on the tables, which were pretty with flowers and dainty glass and china. Everything was put on one side, however, at the close of the feast, and all the people took seats in the hall and followed with keen interest the very mystifying and fascinating entertainment furnished by Mr. Moore, the well known ventriloquist. The chairman was Mr. Holt, superintendent of the Sunday school, and the audience included about three hundred of the Sunday school pupils and their friends. This evening there is to be a watch night service in the church parlor at 11 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited.

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There's just one way—the only way—you can really accomplish this; IT'S THE KIRKHAM'S CASH STORE WAY, where Groceries, Meats, Fish, Bakery Goods, Kitchen Utensils and Crockery are sold for cash at prices beyond competition.

- No. 1 Jap Rice, 50 lb. sk. \$2.47
No. 2 Jap Rice, 50-lb. sk. \$2.10
Holbrook's Pure Malt Vinegar, bottle, 19c
Eastern Fresh Eggs, 3 dozen for \$1.00
Shredded Wheat Biscuits, per pkt. 11c
Delicious Tomato Relish, local make, bottle, 20c
White Swan Soap, pkt., 23c
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Doors open 11:45 p.m. Curtain 12:15.

Prices: Unreserved, 25c; Lower Floor, Reserved, 35c; Boxes and Lodges, 50c.

"The First Show of the New Year"

MAJESTIC THEATRE

The New Magdalen

A Magnificent Two-part Biograph Dramatic Production.

THE SERPENT COMES TO EDEN 11th of the "Beloved Adventure" Series.

Are the headliners at the

Majestic Theatre To-Day

WORK FOR THE VICTORIA PATRIOTIC FUND

THE GIFT CENTRE Wishing You One and All A Happy New Year We also wish to extend to all our patrons our sincere thanks for their support, and hope the confidence in our goods will continue to merit your patronage. Commencing Monday and until stock taking we will give one-third off regular prices on all stock in our store, including Diamond Jewelry, Watches, Sterling Flatwear, etc. This will continue for a very short time. SHORTT, HILL & DUNCAN, LTD. Diamond Merchants, Goldsmiths and Silversmiths AT THE SIGN OF THE FOUR DIALS Corner Broad and View Sts. Phone 675

BOOK CIRCULATION WAS ALMOST 200,000

Splendid Record of Victoria Public Library During Year

A library is one of the most popular of public institutions. People do not go there under compulsion, necessity or coercion, but only of their own free will.

The total addition of books to the shelves during the year was, roughly estimated, 5,417, inclusive of children's books and reference books, fiction, not unexpectedly, having a circulation nearly two and a half times as great as works on philosophy, which come second in the list in point of popularity.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender. F. P. Higgins, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress hotel. F. C. Riley, of Myrtle Point, is staying at the Empress hotel.

Clements, were among the guests arriving this morning at the Empress hotel. Mrs. Anna McDowell wishes to inform her many friends of her removal from 2620 Quadra street, to 828 Courtney street.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Under the capable leadership of Napier Moore a performance of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be given at the Methodist church, Moss street (near Fairfields), on the evening of January 2 at 8 o'clock.

The Misses Olga and Alma Rowa, returned to their home in Nanaimo today, after spending the holidays at Mount Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. C. Gardner Johnson are among the new arrivals in the city from Vancouver, and are staying at the Empress hotel.

COLUMBIA

Special Holiday Attractions Thursday, Friday and Saturday. HOWARD AND DAY In Their Great Singing, Talking and Musical Act.

It is a beautiful and blessed world we live in, and whilst that life lasts, to lose the enjoyment of it is a sin—Chambers.

Gordon S. Spence LIMITED Store Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays Included.

End-of-Season Sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Garments

Extraordinary Inducements in Practically All Our Lines This is to be our Semi-Annual clearance, an opportunity that is presented at the end of each selling season.

Only our regular stock is included in these offerings; nothing has been secured for special sale purposes. The following is our list. You will do well to take particular note of the extraordinary inducements presented here.

Table with columns: EVENING DRESSES AND RECEPTION GOWNS AT HALF-PRICE, STREET DRESSES AT HALF-PRICE, SILK DRESSES, HIGH-GRADE SUITS AT HALF-PRICE, WINTER COATS AT HALF-PRICE. Lists various items and prices.

Trimmed Hats on Sale at \$1.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00

The whole of our stock of Model Hats, including many of exclusive design, several of which have only recently arrived from New York, will be offered to-day at values which have never before been presented.

755 Yates Street, Victoria. Phone 1878. 575 Granville Street, Vancouver

AT THE THEATRES

"THE WOMAN"

The great American political play entitled "The Woman," to be put on by the Allen Players at the Princess theatre next week, created, when first produced, a sensation rivaling that of "Within the Law."

PLAY FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

For the first time in the history of motion pictures the complete play of "East Lynne" has been photographed. It will be shown at the Royal Victoria theatre to-night, Friday and Saturday with a matinee each day.

"SEPTEMBER MORN."

One of the season's biggest hits, the musical comedy sensation, "September Morn," which enjoyed an immensely successful run at the La Salle theatre, Chicago, comes to the Royal Victoria theatre for an engagement of one night, Monday, January 4.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Supreme Court of British Columbia In the Matter of the Estate of John G. Spry, Deceased and

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

COURT OF REVISION VOTERS' LIST. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Royal Oak Hall, Royal Oak, on Monday, January 4, 1915, at 11:30 a.m.



MISS CORA SIMPSON Miss Simpson's clever work in the comedy sketch, "We Want Our Rights," has tended to make that act one of the most popular in this week's strong programme at Pantages theatre.

**RAINFALL OF YEAR  
BELOW THE AVERAGE**

Summer Was an Unusually Dry One; Winter Months Free From Storms

From the following summary of the weather during the past year at Victoria it will be seen that January was an abnormally mild and wet month, while December has been colder than the average and, owing to the unusual prevalence of high barometric pressure over this province, this last month of the old year has been unusually fine, dry and free from storms.

The summer was, with the exception of June, abnormally dry, and forest fires were at all times prevalent even on this island.

The total precipitation for the year was one and one-half inches below the average, yet it is over two inches above the amount recorded in 1913. In 1910, which was an abnormally wet year, the total precipitation was over four inches more than during 1914.

During the year the handsome observatory on the top of Gonzales Heights was completed, and the instruments of the meteorological service are now housed in a thoroughly adequate building. The observatory has been specially adapted to the uses of a meteorological station, and as situated with respect to a unique position on this coast, F. Napier-Pollard, in charge of the observatory generally, has made a name for himself by his studies of meteorological conditions, and with the modern equipment which the station is planned for he will be able to carry these on to advantage. The observatory is now a familiar landmark from both land and sea.

The summary of the temperature and precipitation for the year, by months, is as follows:

Month	Temp. Mean	Difference
Jan.	42.1	3.7 above
Feb.	42.0	1.8 above
March	46.9	2.9 above
April	50.5	2.3 above
May	55.9	2.4 above
June	55.9	1.4 below
July	59.7	1.1 below
August	59.3	0.4 below
September	53.6	2.5 below
October	52.7	2.2 above
November	45.0	0.1 below
December	39.3	2.4 below
Year	50.2	0.5 above

Month	Rain. In.	Snow. In.	Total. In.	Difference
Jan.	5.11	4.60	8.47	4.35 above
Feb.	1.53	3.0	1.59	1.59 below
March	2.04	3.0	2.06	1.14 below
April	4.94	0	1.94	2.1 below
May	1.8	0	1.8	3.2 below
June	1.67	0	1.67	3.2 above
July	Trace	0	Trace	4.0 below
August	1.8	0	1.8	4.9 below
September	1.38	0	1.38	2.9 above
October	2.58	0	2.58	1.1 below
November	5.83	0	5.83	0.1 above
December	5.5	0	5.5	2.64 below
Year	29.99	4.10	26.19	1.51 below

Each inch of snow is equal to 10 inches of water.

Month	High	Date	Low	Date
1914	58	Aug. 1	21	Jan. 19
1913	56	July 17	24	Jan. 1
1912	50	July 16	14	Nov. 11
1911	52	July 19	19	Feb. 27
1910	51	Sept. 1	19	Jan. 2
1909	51	Aug. 18	23	Feb. 2

**DISCUSS TRAVEL**

Hotel Proprietors Meet and Consider Ways of Attracting Tourists Here.

At a meeting of the hotel proprietors of the city, held by invitation of the Victoria and Island Development Association at the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon, Stephen Jones, a member of the executive being voted to the chair, various methods of securing winter travel were discussed. Mr. Jones explained the great importance of this winter tourist business to the city and the necessity of securing a larger share of it than had been the case recently. He called on Commissioner Cuthbert to speak. The commissioner dealt with the situation as he had ascertained it to be during his recent tour and advised advertising in the prairie journals to draw attention to the advantages of wintering in Victoria. He suggested that the proprietors should specialize in the provision of entertainment for people here, as for instance, in securing winter sports facilities, to which the visitors were accustomed. Alderman Todd also spoke.

It was mentioned that arrangements are being made for the use of the Arena for curling during certain portions of the day.

A committee was struck to take up the suggestion of the commissioner and to draft a resolution for submission to the city council with regard to the grant to the Development Association by the city council. The committee will be composed of T. B. Jackson, Miss McCluskey, Messrs. Wolfenden, Bonner, T. Stephenson, Horner, Fort and A. Hesson.

There will be a meeting of the owners and occupiers of apartment houses next Wednesday at the board of trade building to consider the same matter.

The sun gives six hundred thousand times the light that a full moon does.

The joys that are bought with money are worth nothing compared with the joys that, though sweet and gentle and unassuming, are yet deep, enduring and quieting; the joys that enlarge the heart instead of diminishing it, and which we too often pass by. —Salisbury

**B. C. E. RAILWAY SPENT  
LARGE SUMS IN 1914**

Almost Million Dollars Went on Construction of Third Unit; Other Expenditures

At a time when most people were talking retrenchment the B. C. Electric railway spent large sums of money during 1914 in building new plant and in laying down permanent tracks throughout the city.

In October last was completed at Jordan river the magnificent new third unit from which the city is now deriving its electrical supply. This was put into commission immediately on its completion, and is now working with commendable smoothness and efficiency.

The work on this new plant occupied altogether nearly two years, and cost the company close on one million dollars. For the gathering together of the waters of Jordan river it was necessary to build one of the largest concrete dams in the country, which alone cost \$565,000. Then to satisfy the unit the construction of pipe lines was indispensable, together with the enlarging of six miles of flume for carrying the water to the plant.

The third unit, which is being exclusively used while the first and second are undergoing some needed repairs, develops 15,500 horse power.

In addition to this huge outlay, the company has found it necessary from time to time during 1914 to lay down permanent tracks where the city has laid paving. The two chief locations of these were on Fort street and Pandora avenue, each of which cost the company about \$20,000. Altogether \$39,000 has been expended in this fashion, while another \$12,000 has gone in the maintenance of the existing tracks.

While the large plant at Jordan River was in course of being extended, alterations costing about \$50,000 had to be made at the Brentwood Bay stream plant of the company. This was spent partly in the purchase of electrical apparatus for the Saanich Interurban and partly for the control of turbine generators.

New rolling stock has also played a somewhat important part this year in the list of the company's expenditures. Somewhat early in the year ten new Preston cars were purchased at a net cost of \$7,500, while a combination baggage express and passenger car for the interurban line cost a further \$5,000.

**BANK CLEARINGS SHOW  
A HEALTHY CONDITION**

Business, While Not So Great as in Recent Years, is on a Much Firmer Basis

In despite of the unsettled business conditions of the past twelve months the bank clearings of Victoria are of a volume to prove the soundness of the industrial and mercantile institutions of the capital, and to inspire the most hopeful outlook for the future just as soon as the stringency is relieved, which does not seem to be far away now, in view of the optimism felt in the east.

It has to be remembered, too, that the previous two or three years here were an era of great activity in real estate, and that there was a large amount of banking transactions going on, so much so that the clearings shown on the Victoria Clearing House association's annual statements were very greatly in excess of those for the years immediately preceding the boom. By contrast the figures now appear as if there had been a larger falling-off than there has actually been on the basis of normal conditions.

As a matter of fact there has been a very steady progress along the lines of regular business, and the turn-over of money, although it has so fallen off from the inflated conditions of the former annual aggregates, is one which demonstrates that the present conditions are of such a character that when the improvement comes it will manifest here much earlier and in a much fuller degree than in other places where things are not so firm a basis.

In the first seven months of the year, for instance, there was a great regularity in the trade done, the monthly clearings amounting to within a million dollars either way, and for the next three months, while there was a lesser total monthly, there was almost the same figure for each of the three. In other years the fluctuation has been very marked from month to month, showing that the business being done was of an abnormal character.

Month	1914	1913
January	\$11,623,478	\$15,987,507
February	10,088,192	12,950,100
March	11,045,187	15,323,494
April	10,987,572	15,234,512
May	11,185,971	16,555,529
June	10,915,871	15,489,980
July	11,981,279	15,478,329
August	9,824,821	14,132,500
September	9,214,871	15,832,414
October	9,012,340	15,227,309
November	8,368,812	12,772,790
December	8,909,939	12,590,125
Total	\$122,064,880	\$177,277,674

It is estimated that New York adds about 140,000 to its population every year.

Ready-to-Wear Week

**Gordons Limited**

Ready-to-Wear Week

# Gordon's January Sales

This Semi-Annual Sale Will Eclipse All Previous Sales For Genuine Bargains In Thoroughly Reliable Merchandise

The first week of the sale will be devoted entirely to the sale of Ladies' **READY-TO-WEAR**

During which time every Suit, Coat, Dress, Skirt and Hat MUST BE SOLD. In order to carry this out to the letter, prices have been cut in such a manner that even this store has rarely, if ever, seen its equal. Every reduction is genuine, the regular prices quoted being the honest values at which the goods were originally marked.

WHEN YOU HAVE SEEN THE ASTONISHING VALUES OFFERED IN READY-TO-WEAR, YOU WILL NATURALLY WANT TO WAIT FOR THE GREAT SALES WHICH WILL FOLLOW THIS ONE, IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED: BEDDING, WHITEWEAR, HOUSE-FURNISHINGS, DRESS GOODS AND GENERAL DRY GOODS. SAVE MONEY BY SAVING IT FOR THIS SERIES OF SALES

## These Suits Must Go—and Quickly Too

The regular prices of these Suits has been completely lost sight of in an effort to re-mark them at prices that will guarantee every Suit to be sold during this seven days' sale of Ready-to-Wear.

These are all this season's goods and our entire stock is included in this sale, not a single suit being reserved. Whether you purchase the lowest priced or the highest priced suit in the store you will be obtaining an extraordinary bargain. You can choose from Novelty and Plain Tailored Suits in many smart styles, and in a variety of good colors. For convenience we have divided them into five groups as follows:

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3	LOT 4	LOT 5
January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	Remaining few of best Imported Model Suits
<b>\$5.75</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	<b>\$14.75</b>	<b>\$16.75</b>	<b>Half-Price</b>

## An Exceptionally Fine Range of Ladies' Coats To Go At Astonishingly Small Prices

That such smart Coats as these should have to be sold at such ridiculously low figures seems a great pity, but it must be done in order to give us greater buying power for Spring.

All smartly cut in favorite styles. The workmanship in every case is the best. The season's most popular coatings is represented in many plain, two-toned and mixed effects. We have only a few in some of the prices, so you had better be early on Saturday morning and get the best selection.

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3	LOT 4	LOT 5
January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price	Sale price <b>\$15.75.</b> Lot 6. Sale price
<b>\$4.75</b>	<b>\$6.75</b>	<b>\$9.75</b>	<b>\$13.75</b>	<b>\$19.75</b>

**These Distinctive Looking Shirts Will Make a Quick Clearance at This Price**

You can select from several good styles. They are all well-tailored and the materials include whipcord, serges and broads in a variety of good colors. January Sale price ..... **\$3.90**

**Cloth Dresses at Genuine Bargain Prices**

Most of these Dresses are made of serge with various trimmings of silk and lace. The tunic effect is strongly represented, as are other favorite novelties of the present fashions. A good assortment of colors are here including navy, black, sea green, saxe and brown.

LOT 1	LOT 2	LOT 3
January Sale price	January Sale price	January Sale price
<b>\$4.90</b>	<b>\$7.90</b>	<b>\$10.90</b>

**Our Entire Stock of Beautiful Afternoon Dresses to be Cleared Out at 33 1-3% DISCOUNT**

**Millinery at Tremendous Reductions**  
Velvet, Velour and Felt Shapes. January Sale

**Half-Price and Less**

**All Children's Hats HALF-PRICE**  
Special line of Ready-to-wear Hats Regular values to \$12.00. January Sale

**Two Extraordinary Values in Silk Dresses**

These Dresses are made of fine messaline silk. The styles show excellent taste; some are made with dropped shoulders and tunic effect on the skirt; others have a yest, collar and cuffs of dainty shadow lace. One of the prettiest is made of navy messaline silk, trimmed with white organdie collar and cuffs, with neatly hemstitched edges and a crush girde of Roman stripe corded silk. This Dress is also made with a pretty vest effect and tunic skirt. Colors you can choose are pretty shades of bottle green, saxe blue, navy and purple. January Sale price ..... **\$9.90**

This is a rare collection of Dresses of many pretty styles, and each one represents an extraordinary bargain. Materials to be found among them are satin, messaline silk and silk crepe. Some of the prominent features are trimmings of shadow lace, Raglan sleeves, dropped shoulders and tunic skirts. Colors include forest green, navy, black and brown. Each one of these Dresses represents an extraordinary saving. January Sale price ..... **\$14.90**

**Sale Starts Saturday Morning**



SCHOOL BOARD'S WORK DURING YEAR 1914

Trustees Look Back on Twelve Months of Usefulness; New Buildings

The most important event of the year in the work of the Victoria school board was the opening of the Victoria High School at Fernwood on May 1 by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Patterson.

The enrollment at Victoria schools is now above 5,000 pupils, an increase of 100 or twelve months ago. There are over 300 students in the night schools, now all held at the High school, and the board has accepted an invitation to take over in the new year as part of the art course, the school of handicraft carried on hitherto by a private organization.

A school for defective children at present in a modest way, has been commenced under an expert, and as time goes on will develop its usefulness very rapidly.

Principal Charlesworth has been promoted to the charge of the George Jay school, leaving a vacancy at Oaklands yet to be filled.

In Esquimalt the Lamson street school, after being rebuilt, was reopened and a fine new school has been added at Monterey avenue, in the Oak Bay district.

VICTORIA'S CLAIMS LAID BEFORE MANY

Making Known Attractions of City is Work of Development Association

An advertising plan on behalf of Victoria has been started. The secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League retired in the spring, on appointment as secretary of the Bureau of Provincial Information, and it was decided to reorganize the league as the Victoria and Island Development Association.

The organization of a vacant lands committee to induce cultivation of acreage outside the city and town not occupied by buildings, followed, and as a natural sequence the weekly produce market was revived, opening on September 18.

An effort has also been made to influence the movement of the Panama-Pacific passenger traffic northward next year, and a vast amount of literature has been sent out to the bodies holding conventions in San Francisco next year.

REAL ESTATE QUIET BUT OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Exchange Active During Year in Matters Affecting Welfare of the Capital

MUCH GOOD WORK DONE BY BOARD OF TRADE

Special Committees Have Investigated Needs of City and Province

In February of this year the Victoria Board of Trade completed its fiftieth year of hard service in the cause of the city, its trade and business, and it seems therefore fitting that 1914 should be a year which has been filled with very productive effort.

One of the chief features has been the work of the board's municipal committee, which, early in the year succeeded in having placed in the Municipal Bill certain amendments relating to the welfare of the community.

The final recommendation of the report is also worthy of note. It was stated that the committee was of the opinion that the powers of the provincial government in connection with the municipalities throughout the province could best be administered by a department under the control of a commissioner who should be free from political influences.

In connection with the proposed C. N. P. R. bridge over Selkirk Water the board took a very decided stand in presenting to the city council the following recommendations:

1. That a temporary bridge is undesirable.

2. That in any event no trestle or pile bridge should be allowed to remain longer than five years.

3. That there should be an express understanding that at the end of that time a permanent bridge of approved design should be used with provision for foot passengers.

The development of the lumber market has been another important public need which the Board of Trade has, with its usual energy, prosecuted along several lines. One of these was to start a trade with India in British Columbia lumber for the making of railway ties.

EXTENSION OF LIGHTING

The city added 80 lights to the arc lighting system of the city during 1914, making \$50 in all. There are now 1,069 cluster lights in operation in the city.

OVER TWO MILLIONS SPENT IN BUILDINGS

Construction Work Includes Public Buildings, Churches and Stores

Building construction in Victoria has assumed a normal gait after the extreme activity of a few years ago. Among the principal buildings under construction are many of considerable importance to the future of the city.

The Dominion government is building a fine Kroll hall and also extending the west end of the provincial government has almost reached the limit of its present plans for the extension of the parliament buildings, and the city is building a new jail and court rooms.

The most important permits issued at the building inspector's office during the year were those for the Hudson's Bay block, \$500,000, and the drill hall, two permits of \$250,000 and \$40,000 respectively.

The public works adjacent to tidal water are not included in the list, as over them the city authorities have no jurisdiction. These include the break-water and piers for the deep-sea harbor and the government wharf on the old Songhees Indian reserve.

No large buildings have been added in Esquimalt and Oak Bay but in the municipality of Saanich the Wilkinson road jail has been opened. The Normal school, also in Saanich, is to be opened next week.

The accompanying figures for the months of 1914 should be added \$50,000 for repairs, that being the figure which the building inspector proposes to add.

January ..... \$ 323,950  
February ..... 128,465  
March ..... 205,980  
April ..... 661,020  
May ..... 252,775  
June ..... 228,740  
July ..... 92,560  
August ..... 102,520  
September ..... 18,140  
October ..... 98,875  
November ..... 19,060  
December ..... 22,133,085

RAPIDLY APPROACHING COMPLETION OF WORK

Facts About Waterworks; Progress on Northwest Trunk Sewer

Two works, Sooke waterworks and the northwest sewer, have been the foremost features of civic construction during 1914. Both are proceeding well and will be finished next summer.

Some 15 miles of concrete flow line and over 7 miles of the pressure line for the waterworks have been laid; the pipe is manufactured for the balance of the pressure line and the balance of pipe for the flow line will be made in the course of the next six months.

The most important paving works carried out this year have been the finishing of sections of Fort street, the widening of the widening of the western end of Pandora avenue and the paving of that street.

The department has received the paving plant ordered early in the year and is having it installed at the Gar-

IN LABOR CIRCLES

Falling Off in Construction Has Had Effect During the Year

Labor circles during the year 1914 have been disturbed by the condition of finances, and the check to construction, forcing the return to other parts of a large floating population which came here in the boom time.

The uncertainty of conditions improving rapidly has also had its effects. Much attention was given locally in the early months of the year to the cause of the miners on Vancouver Island, imprisoned for disturbances in August, 1913.

When this cause had been secured, the war came to the world as a bolt from the blue and the state of the unemployed led to the organization of several meetings. On the body was formed and worked with increasing energy, but when it had been found that it could do little with the government and the city, it was relieved of its duties.

Another of a more radical turn was then elected by the unemployed. The latter body, after continued agitation, has secured the establishment of a central employment and relief organization composed of representatives of the city, the friendly organizations, labor and the various relief societies. The measure of its success, time alone will show.

Three local labor men are prominent members of the B. C. Federation of Labor, and union men are looking to the deliberations of the provincial body next month for an indication of the course which should be pursued under existing circumstances.

The year has passed without any serious labor trouble here, and the general feeling is that the unions will assume a more normal condition now that their unnatural size has been reduced to include only those who have a stake in the community, and that they will not hurry into advanced courses without calculating the effects of their actions.

In the manufacture of soaps and polishing powders quartz is preferred to silica sand on account of its whiteness and angularity. Quartz crushed and graded to various sizes is used in the manufacture of sandpaper and sand-balls, as a scouring agent, for "frothing" glass with sand-blast apparatus, etc.

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ATTENTION! VICTORIA'S THRIFTY SHOPPERS

READ DETAILS OF OUR WONDERFUL FIRST DAY BARGAINS SATURDAY AT SEABROOK YOUNG'S Great SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

Never before have the women of Victoria had such an opportunity to restore their wardrobes without depleting their purses. Our regular customers are already aware of the fact that we are in a position to give values even at normal prices.

- GIRLS' SKIRTS: With the overskirt effect, these come in navy and sage, trimmed in red; reg. value \$6.50. Sale price \$4.25.
- GIRLS' NEW BALKAN STYLE SWEATERS: Styles to fit up to 12 years; reg. values to \$2.50. Sale price \$2.00.
- BOYS' TWO-PIECE KNITTED SWEATER SUITS: The very thing to keep out the cold; these stand numerous washings; reg. value \$2.50. Sale price \$1.75.
- ODD LINE OF SMALL BOYS' JERSEYS: These have the button shoulder, you can't beat them! At sale price to clear at \$1.00.
- GIRLS' SCHOOL DRESSES: Navy serge, trimmed with fancy red buttons and serge collars, in sizes to fit 6 to 14 years; reg. value \$4.00. Sale price \$2.00.

These are just a few of the good things. We carry Nothing But the Best. SEABROOK YOUNG. 623 Johnson Street.

Grand Midnight Matinee 14 14 Vaudeville Acts Professional and Amateur THEATRE Thursday, December 31 Doors open 11.45 p.m. Curtain 12.15. PRICES: Unreserved 25c Reserved, Lower Floor 35c Boxes and Loges 50c Reserved Seats now on Sale at Box Office. "THE FIRST SHOW OF THE NEW YEAR"

Attention! Victoria's Thrifty Shoppers SEABROOK YOUNG'S Great SEMI-ANNUAL SALE. Never before have the women of Victoria had such an opportunity to restore their wardrobes without depleting their purses. GIRLS' SKIRTS, GIRLS' KNITTED SKIRTS, GIRLS' NEW BALKAN STYLE SWEATERS, BOYS' TWO-PIECE KNITTED SWEATER SUITS, ODD LINE OF SMALL BOYS' JERSEYS, LADIES' SATIN UNDERSKIRTS, BOYS' JERSEYS, CHILDREN'S SWEATER GOATS, CHILDREN'S ALL-WOOL ROMPERS, CHILDREN'S COTTON ROMPERS, INFANTS' RATINE COATS.

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

# David Spencer's, Ltd., 37th. January Sale Starts Saturday

**O**UR 37th January Clearance Sale will be held under conditions unique in the history of this store. The continuance of the great European war, which started right at the opening of the Fall season, has had a tremendous influence in business throughout the season, with the result that stocks are much heavier than usual. This fact accounts for many of the startling price reductions being made, especially in the ready-to-wear sections.

## Balance of Fall and Winter Millinery to Go at Sweeping Reductions

Every trimmed and untrimmed shape in the Millinery department must be cleared out during this January Sale. If sweeping price reductions will do it, then we predict a very busy time in this department on Saturday when the sale opens. Note carefully these prices and then see the samples displayed in the windows.

- Children's Bonnets, Caps and Toques, in all colors. January Clearance price, each. **25c**
- Children's Felt Hats, all shapes. Regular values to \$2.50. January Clearance price, each. **50c**
- Children's Trimmed Hats in velvet and plush, various shapes. Regular values to \$5.00. January Clearance price. **\$1.00**
- Children's Bonnets in silk, wool and fur. Regular values to \$4.50. January Clearance Sale each. **\$1.00**
- Flowers and Foliage in a big assortment. January Clearance, per bunch. **10c**
- Wings, in all shades, to clear, each. **25c**
- Ladies' Black Velvet Shapes in beautiful qualities. Regular values to \$10.00. January Clearance price, each. **\$2.50**
- Ladies' Trimmed Hats, in a big variety and very smart styles. To clear at \$2.50 and **\$1.00**
- Ladies' Trimmed Hats, including all our exclusive Pattern Hats. To clear at. **\$5.00**

—Second Floor

## A Complete Clearance of Women's Winter Coats

Regular Values From \$7.50 to \$75.00, Grouped Into Four Prices—

**\$2.75, \$6.75, \$10.00 and \$16.75**

The exceptionally heavy stock of Women's Winter Coats to be cleared out during this sale is accounted for by the addition of 100 Coats just received from our own tailors at Vancouver. A manufacturer of Winter Cloakings sold us the balance of his winter stock at a tremendous price reduction rather than carry the goods over for another season. This fine lot of materials, which included curl cloths, chinchillas, plaids and novelty weaves, we had made up into the very latest of this season's style, by our own tailors at Vancouver. All these Coats are now grouped in the following offerings.

### AT \$2.75

These Coats were originally priced at \$7.50 and are ridiculously priced for the January Clearance sale. Your price from plain and fancy weaves in cape effects and Raglan styles.

### AT \$10.00

We have a very big assortment of Coats, and their previous values ranged from \$17.50 to \$27.50. There are Coats in curl cloths, fancy checks, plaids and novelty weaves as well as the plainer materials and the assortment of styles is very wide. Every woman in need of a Winter Coat should not miss this offering.

### AT \$6.75

Coats in this offering are worth from \$14.75 to \$17.50, and therefore, being cleared at less than half-price. The styles include Balmaacan, cape effects and fancy novelties, and a good assortment of fabrics and colorings.

### AT \$16.75

Not a single Coat in this offering worth less than \$30.00, and practically all are values over that figure and as high as \$75.00. The balance of our best novelties are all included and you can choose from military and cape effects, Balmaacan and various other novelty styles. Very smart materials; also a line of handsome black cloth Coats included.

—First Floor

## January Clearance of Men's Suits and Overcoats Means Extraordinary Savings to You

We've gone to the utmost limit in value-giving on our entire stock of Men's Suits and Overcoats. The tremendous reductions in price means extraordinary savings to the man who needs a new Suit or Overcoat. Our Men's Clothing stock is well known to the men of Victoria and district, and with the samples displayed in the View street windows, a detailed description here is quite unnecessary. These prices speak for themselves.

### Men's Overcoats

- Regular \$12.50 values. **\$6.75**
- January Sale price
- Regular \$15.00 to \$18.00 values. **\$9.75**
- January Sale price
- Regular \$20.00 to \$22.50 values. **\$13.75**
- January Sale price
- Regular \$25.00 to \$50.00 values. **\$19.75**
- January Sale price

### Men's Suits

- Regular \$10.00 and \$12.50 values. **\$6.75**
- January Sale price
- Regular \$15.00 to \$18.00 values. **\$9.75**
- January Sale price
- Regular \$20.00 to \$22.50 values. **\$13.75**
- January Sale price
- Regular \$25.00 to \$32.50 values. **\$19.75**
- January Sale price

—Main Floor

## January Clearance of Children's Velvet Dresses

\$3.50 to \$4.50 Values for \$2.50  
\$2.75 Values for \$1.50

Most serviceable Dresses for little girls from 2 to 7 years. There are various styles and the principle colors are sage blue, brown and tan. These prices are lower than you could buy the materials for, and every Dress should be quickly sold out.

—First Floor

## Substantial Savings on Infants' Winter Coats

Regular \$2.00 to \$2.75 Values to Clear at \$1.50

Regular \$3.50 to \$7.50 Values to Clear at \$2.50

Parents who need Coats for little children from 1 to 3 years should be here on Saturday morning to buy from this offering. Good serviceable garments in Teddy Bear cloth, serges and velvet and the colors include red, sage, green, brown and navy. Single and double-breasted styles and some are smartly touched up with silk braids and cord.

—First Floor

## A Big Clearance of Fancy and Tailored Waists at Great Price Reductions

THE extraordinary values in Women's Waists will be fully appreciated. Space forbids our giving a full description of each offering, but we draw your attention to the samples displayed in the View Street windows. From these you will realize that there are some astonishing values to be had.

**\$1.00 and \$1.25 Waists For 50c**

Crepes, Voiles, Ceylon Flannel and Linonette are the chief materials in this offering, but the styles are much wider. There are white Waists with the new flare collar and vestee effects. Shirtwaists with plain and tucked fronts; also striped Waists with polo collar, and a splendid range of tailored Waists with tucked and embroidered fronts.

**\$1.75 to \$3.00 Waists For \$1.25**

This offering includes the entire balance of our French Delaine Shirtwaists in striped effects, also a big range of Lingerie Waists in fancy ratine, voiles, marquisette, very pretty styles, and some have the new flare and organdie collars in white pique; fancy fronts, also vestee effects.

**\$4.50 to \$5.75 Silk Waists For \$2.90**

A very smart range of pretty Waists in crepe de Chine, silk-brocade, silk crepes, ninons and white. Jap silk, plain and fancy colors; also Waists in taffetas, messalines and shot silks. Practically every shade and all the leading styles.

**\$3.50 to \$4.00 Silk Waists For \$1.90**

A beautiful range of Waists, and every one a real bargain at this price. There are Waists in Shadow Lace, Silk Crepe, Messaline, in plain and fancy stripes and light and dark colors; also Silk Crepe De Chine, in all colors, including white and black.

—First Floor

## January Clearance of Afternoon and Evening Dresses at Extraordinarily Low Prices

Regular \$10.00 to \$100.00 Values To Go at

**\$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00**

These prices should clear every Dress in each offering in a very short space of time. To say the least the prices are extraordinarily low and will create a big demand. For full details we draw your special attention to the samples displayed in the View street windows.

### AT \$5.00

You have your choice from fancy net, plain silks, also serges in blues, brown and black. Dresses that sell in the regular way to **\$17.50**

### AT \$10.00

Dresses in this offering include both afternoon and semi-evening styles, and the materials are crepe de chine, fancy silks, chiffons and satins.

### AT \$15.00

There are Evening and Afternoon Dresses in similar materials to the \$10.00 offering, but in better grades. A very wide range of styles and absolutely no two alike.

—First Floor

## The January Sale of Silks Includes a Manufacturer's Stock of 4,098 Yards Bought at a Tremendous Sacrifice

Values \$2.50 to \$4.75 to Sell **\$1.50 at, Yard**

ONE of the best silk buys we've effected for some considerable time. The manufacturer needed ready cash, and to raise it quickly he sold us this beautiful lot of silks at a tremendous sacrifice. We believe that every lady in Victoria will be interested in this sale, and will not only appreciate the extraordinary savings that it offers, but that very piece in the lot is a full 100-yard length; thus, any required length in each pattern and quality can be purchased. The offering includes 40 in. moire velours, colored satin, charmeuse, Oriental satins and satin grenadines; and in colors sage blue, pink, paddy green, mauve, purple, old rose, tope, royal, brown, ivory, black and white. **\$2.50 to \$4.75 values for, per yard**

**100 Pieces Pale Blue Pongee Silk. Regular 50c grade. January Sale price, per yard** **35c**

**Taffeta Silks, in colors brown, green, navy and fawn; slightly imperfect. Usually sold at 50c. January Sale price, per yard** **15c**

**Roman Figured and Striped Silks. Regular 75c grade. January Sale price, yard** **25c**

**Fancy Figured Ninons. Regular value \$1.50. January Sale price, yard** **25c**

**Scotch Plaid Silks, 40 ins. wide. Regular price \$2.50. January Sale price, yard** **\$1.50**

**Chiffon Velvets, beautiful soft finish. Regular \$1.50 to \$2.00 values. Special clearing for the January Sale, per yard** **75c**

**Black Brocaded Velvets. Regularly sold at \$4.75. Clearing January Sale at, per yard** **\$2.50**

**Cordurey and Velveteens. Usually sold at 75c to \$1.00. Clearing January Sale at, per yard** **55c**

—Main Floor

## Men's Underwear at Great Reductions

Men's Heavy Lambwool and Fleece-Lined Shirts—Oddments only; regular values, \$1.00. Clearing at January Sale, each **25c**

Men's Elastic Rib Shirts—Penman's brand; regular 75c value. January Sale, each **50c**

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, imported brand, odd sizes only; regular \$1.00 values. January Sale price, each **50c**

Men's Heavy Cream Wool Elastic Rib Shirts and Drawers, oddments only; regular \$1.00 values. January Sale price, each **50c**

Men's Fancy Stripe Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, odd sizes only; regular value, 75c. January Sale price **50c**

Men's Natural Lambwool Shirts and Drawers, Penman's make, odd sizes only; regular \$1.00 values. January Sale price, each **50c**

Men's Heavy All-Wool Elastic Rib Cream Color Shirts and Drawers—Odd sizes only; regular value \$1.25. January Sale price, each **75c**

Men's Imported Heavy Lambwool Shirts and Drawers—Odd sizes only; regular \$1.25 values. January Sale price, each **75c**

Men's Imported Natural Wool and Grey Cashmere Shirts and Drawers—Odd sizes only; regular values to \$2.50. Clearing January Sale, each **\$1.00**

—Main Floor

## Remarkable Savings on Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes

Greater economies than ever before are being offered at this January sale in Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes. All these offerings are our regular stock goods, and can be thoroughly relied on to give the best of satisfaction in wear.

Men's \$6.00 High Top Boots to Sell At **\$4.85**

In brown and olive chrome leather, 10 and 12 ins. high; invaluable to teamsters, loggers and hunters.

Men's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Dress Boots, January Sale Price, **\$3.85**

The latest and best styles in men's "Quite Right" and other good makes. Your choice from gun-metal and tan calf, steel kid and patent leather. Blucher and button styles, in suitable weights for early Spring wear.

Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair **\$2.85**

Dress Boots in box calf and gun-metal, in Blucher and button styles and various lasts. Also good quality Work Boots, made to stand the wet and hardest wear.

Boys' \$2.50 and \$3.00 Boots, January Sale Price, Pair **\$1.95**

Button and Lace Boots, in box calf, gun-metal and tan calf. All good styles and splendid wearing qualities. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2.

GIRLS' BOOTS—In gun-metal and patent leather, and in both button and lace styles. Good, serviceable School Boots; sizes 11 to 2. Per pair, \$1.85. Sizes 3 to 10 1/2. Per pair **\$1.45**

—First Floor

Women's \$6.00 to \$7.00 Queen Quality Boots, January Sale **\$4.85**

Here's an extraordinary opportunity for women to save on high quality Shoes. Some of our best grades included in this offering. There are Satin Button Boots, Velvet Button Boots and Patent Tanso Sandals; also a big variety of Patent Button Boots with cloth or kid tops.

Women's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Boots, January Sale Price, **\$3.65**

Included are Patent Button Boots, cloth tops and all styles; Gun-metal Calf, Tan Calf, Chocolate and Black Vici Kid Button and Lace Boots, including also many "Queen Quality" makes.

Women's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Boots, January Sale Price, **\$2.95**

Good, serviceable qualities in Button and Lace Boots in all leathers and styles. Patent, gun-metal, tan calf, glazed kid and other leathers. Every pair in this offering was a first-class value at the regular price. They are exceptional bargains at the reduced price, and will sell quickly.

## Entire Stock of Ladies' Costumes

Grouped Into Three Prices for the January Sale

**\$6.75, \$14.75 and \$25.00**

Regular Values \$15.00 to \$100.00

FOLLOWING the usual custom of this store, every Costume must be cleared during our January sale. To accomplish our object this year, we have reduced prices to a ridiculously low figure, in fact considerably lower than at any previous sale, and we believe that extraordinary quick selling will result.

**AT \$6.75** your choice from fancy Novelty Suits in a splendid variety, also from plain tailored styles in tweed mixtures and plain serges.

**AT \$14.75** there's a very large assortment of Costumes in both fancy novelty styles and plain tailored. At this price we have also included all our better grade Tailored Suits, usually sold from \$35.00 to \$40.00. These are in blue and black serges with best Skinner satin linings.

**AT \$25.00**—This offering includes all our high-priced imported Novelty Costumes that were selling throughout the season from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Absolutely no two styles alike, and some models are beautifully trimmed with fur. Not one Costume in this lot worth less than \$75.00, and most are worth considerably more. These are most extraordinary bargains even for a January sale.

—First Floor

## All Children's Coats Will Be Cleared Out at \$2.50 and \$4.50

Regular Prices \$4.50 to \$15.00

THESE two pieces include every child's Coat in the department, and the values that they represent should make a complete clearance the first day of sale. The sizes range from 4 to 14 years, and you can choose from a big range of styles in checks, fancy tweeds, curl cloths, and novelty weaves. All parents who have girls needing Winter Coats should investigate this offering at once, as these prices are bound to create a big demand. See windows for samples.

—First Floor

## January Sale Offers Vig Values in Men's Working Shirts at 50c and \$1.00

THIS January Sale brings good news to the working man who needs a good, serviceable Shirt. Here are details of some of the best values ever offered in this class of goods.

Men's Tweed Working Shirts, in dark brown, grey and khaki, with turn-down collars attached and one pocket. Regular value \$1.25. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Heavy Dark Brown Working Shirts, with collars attached; one pocket. Regular value \$1.25. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Blue Serge Shirts, with turn-down collar, reinforced front and two pockets. Regular value \$1.50. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Union Flannel Working Shirts, in light stripes, with the new double collar attached; one pocket, buttoned down.

Regular value \$1.25. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Heavy Hunting or Working Shirts, with turned-down collar attached; two pockets with flaps and trimmed with brass buttons; in brown serge and fancy tweed mixtures. Regular \$2.00 value. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Heavy Navy Serge Working or Hunting Shirts, with turn-down collar attached and two pockets. Regular \$2.00 value. January Sale price **\$1.00**

Men's Stripe Flannel Shirts, with turn-down, reversible collars attached. January Sale price **50c**

Men's Grey Stripe Gingham Shirts, with turn-down collars attached. Special for the January Sale, each **50c**

—Second Floor

## Extraordinary Reductions on Men's and Boys' Sweaters

Every garment a good reliable article that will give the best of satisfaction in wear. The January Sale prices are exceptionally low for this class of goods.

BOYS' SWEATERS—All wool, in fine ribbed finish and made to fasten on shoulder. Colors—Wedgwood blue, cardinal, brown, navy and other shades. Sizes, 12, 14 and 16 only. Values to \$1.25. To clear, at, each **75c**

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS—With vest shape neck, in colors navy and cardinal, grey and navy, slate and tan, and maroon and grey. Men's sizes only. Special at **\$1.00**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS—In wool mixtures, fine rib, and colors khaki with grey, green, khaki with brown, navy with cardinal, and grey and navy. These **\$1.00**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS—With turn-down roll collars, in colors green and maroon only. Reg. values \$4.00. January sale price **\$2.75**

MEN'S WOOL SWEATER COATS—Vest shape, in colors royal and white combination only. Reg. \$3.75 value. January sale price **\$2.75**

MEN'S SWEATER COATS—With roll collar, in heavy ribbed wool, grey and white only. Reg. \$4.75 value. January sale price **\$2.75**

—Main Floor

# SPORTING NEWS

## INTER-CITY SOCCER FOR HOLIDAY

### WESTS EXPECT TO BEAT JACKSONS

Vancouver and Victoria Meet To-morrow; Crucial Games in V. F. A. on Saturday

Victoria is a strong favorite in the betting to win over the Vancouver All-Star soccer eleven that will meet the local representative team at the Royal Athletic park. The selection committee of the V. F. A. have chosen a team that shapes up as the strongest that ever participated in Inter-City events. The Thistles and Jacksons supply a majority of the players and there is a noticeable absence of Native Sons in the team. The Old Country stars being given preference at Monday's meeting. Referee Allen has been instructed to keep the game clean and the local team will take the field as follows: Goal, Shrimpton (Thistles); backs,

Whyte (West), and Taylor (Thistles); halves, Nixon (Jacksons), Adams (Thistles), Allen (Jacksons), forwards, Kerley (Jacksons), Nichol (Jacksons), Pickering (Thistles), Muir (Thistles), Clarkson (Jacksons), Reserves: Sheriff (Jacksons), Blendall (Jacksons), and Inglis (Thistles). Referee, Allen.

Jack Youson is claiming two victories on Saturday when his Intermediate and Senior teams go into games that mean either the championship or second place with the Green Shirts. The seniors will clash with the Jacksons at Royal Athletic park and Youson confidently expects to win this fixture. He says that the addition of Hine and Pilkington has given him a pair of forwards that no other club can approach. Jacksons are also claiming the honors so that it will be seen that a red hot game is due on the baseball grounds. The teams will oppose each other as follows:

West—Robertson, Whyte, Bolton,

Prevost, Petticrew, Okell, Sherratt, Watson, Hine, Pilkington and Baker. Sir John Jackson—Thoburn, Sherriff, Tunnycliffe, Blendall, Green, Nixon, (Capt.), Kerley, Nichol, Hill, Douglas and Clarkson. Reserves, J. Allen and G. Allen.

It is announced by A. Purser, secretary of the Sir John Jackson club, that the trophy which this club is donating to the V. F. A. is a gift of the club and not the firm, as has been generally supposed. The club is composed of the staff and employees of Sir John Jackson, at Albert Head.

A nominal charge of ten cents will be made for the Jackson-West game, Saturday afternoon, this including the grand stand.

The following team will represent the Civic Service Athletic association vs. Fairfield, on Saturday, January 2, 1915, at 2:30 sharp. Beacon Hill lower grounds: Bosson, Bridges, McTigue, A. Martin, Haines, Maxwell, Bartholomew, Swan, Bridges, Thomas, Shearer. Reserves, Erskine, Thompson.

Only one goal has been scored against the Sir John Jackson defence in the six games, or approximately nine hours of play. This is a remarkable record for a division club.

The following games are scheduled for Saturday: Sir John Jacksons vs.

Victoria Wests, at Royal Athletic park; referee Dougan. High School vs. Victoria Wests, at Beacon Hill. Wests vs. Impres; referee, Allen.

Fairfield Football club and Civic Service F. C. have arranged to play their postponed league match, on Saturday, January 2. The game is to take place at Beacon Hill park (lower ground) at 2:45 p. m. The following is the Fairfield line-up: Gibson, Donaldson, Church, A. Lea, R. J. Ferris, R. Clegg, Richards, Clowes, Sellars, R. Lea and Erickson. Reserve: Payne.

Players are requested to be on hand at least fifteen minutes prior to the kick-off. Referee H. A. Goward.

Empress team for Saturday.—Davis, Castle, Ditch, Davis, Baker, Donald, Elliott, Smith, Steele, Cummings, Smith and Cummings.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—An all-star mainland football team will journey to Victoria to-morrow to play the pick of the Victoria league in the first inter-league game of the season on New Year's Day. Messrs. Russell and Wilson will manage the trip. The local team follows: Goal, Train (B. C. E. R.); McNaughton (Coquitlam); Miller (New Westminster); half-backs, Lawson (V. A. C.); Bruce (New Westminster); Melkiejohn (New Westminster); forwards, Elbin (Coquitlam); McKinnon (St. Andrews); Forgie (St. Andrews); Grant (B. C. E. R.); Dool (B. C. E. R.); reserves, Marshall (Coquitlam); Butchart (B. C. E. R.).

Wife—"Do you think there is a man who could conscientiously say to his wife, 'You the only woman I ever loved?'" Hubby—"Only one that I can think of." Wife—"Who? You, dearest?" Hubby—"Oh, no, Adam?"

## UPPER CUT HICKS NOW IN THE NAVY

### Victoria Boxers Are Stationed at Halifax; McKay and Davies for Vancouver

Frank Hicks, better known to the fight fans of the capital as Upper Cut Hicks, is one of several Victoria boys now serving on H. M. C. S. Diana, stationed with the Atlantic squadron at Halifax. In a letter to the sporting editor, Hicks states that he along with Seaman Wright, Stoker Mallen and Young Kirkham are enjoying themselves on the other side of the continent, though they took a keen interest in the naval affairs on the Pacific.

Hicks states that he will shortly break into the professional game, and he expects to make good with a rush in the moneyed ranks. He is waiting for the war to clear over to secure his discharge from the navy and don the padded mitta. Hicks has a coming lightweight under his wing in young Kirkham, whom he thinks is good enough to take a crack at some of the big fellows in the 133 lb. division. Seaman Wright is booked to meet Physical Instructor Kinch, R. M., for the heavyweight championship of Nova Scotia early next month, and the

local boys are pulling strongly for Wright to win this title.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Russ Leighton is arranging a big card for the next tourney of the Commercial Athletic club, which will be held in the Dominion hall on the night of Thursday, January 7. Four Victoria boxers will be over for the tourney, giving the local manager a quartette of head-lights. Scotty McKay and Al Davies will be two of the boys on hand for the show. The other two Victoria boxers to make the trip are yet to be selected.

Scotty McKay will likely be matched with Howard Freeman of this city, though this bout is open to change. Al Davies will tackle George Ross once more under more favorable weight conditions, however. Davies will have the privilege of weighing in at 138 pounds ring-side, which will give him a three-pound advantage over his last bout with the Vancouver boy in the capital a few nights ago. This bout will undoubtedly be one of the best of the night.

Heavyweight battles galore are scheduled for early in the new year. Jim Coffey, the "Dulain Giant," and Carl Morris, the "Oklahoma Tower," should provide the most interesting combat. These huskies lock horns on January 12 in New York city. Coffey will rule a favorite over the southern giant, and should win decisively. Coffey made a monkey out of Gunboat Smith, and should do likewise with Gigantic Carl.

Milwaukee boxing fans will not be given a chance to see the pair of dusky twins, "Tham" Langford and "Tham" McVey in action. This pair of darkies were scheduled to box ten

rounds in the "Beer-Town" next month, but the authorities refused to grant the promoters a permit to stage bouts in which negroes participated.

It is probable that this pair will journey to New Orleans and meet over a 20-round bout. A week ago McVey made a big hit with the New Orleans crowd outpointing Harry Willis, their home-brew, in 20 rounds, and as Langford also whipped Willis, the two conquerors would draw a packed house.

Johnny Dundee, who recently added the top-piece of Jose Rivers to his rare collection of big game trophies, has planned a programme of ring activities that recalls the halcyon days of John L. Sullivan. Early in January Dundee plans to do battle with six different boxers, in six different dates, on six consecutive nights.

## ADAMS CASE RIVALS THAT OF CHAMPION

New York, Dec. 31.—The charge against Platt Adams would make his case somewhat similar to that of James Thorpe, who, after he had been proved to be a professional, was forced to return his Olympic prizes. In its story the Evening Mail calls upon Adams to produce all the medals and trophies he has won since his connection with the New York Athletic club.

At the headquarters of the Amateur Athletic union it was said that nothing was known as to the charges except what was printed to-day. In 1912 Adams and his brother-in-law were members of the American team which was sent to Sweden to compete in the Olympic games. Last year's records show that Adams holds the record for the standing high jump of 5 feet 4 inches.

# The Need for Money Will Make Our 9th. Live Wire Sale Of the Finest Clothing, Furnishings and Hats The Most Startling Event We Have Ever Held

Our "Live Wire" Semi-Annual Sales have long been noteworthy events among Victorian men and young men. But this year the event will outdo itself in value-giving. Conditions are such that we are face to face with an absolute necessity. We MUST turn the bulk of our big new stock into cash to clear the way for Spring activity. You know that there are items of wardrobe that you need. You

do not want to spend much money on them, however. This "Live Wire" Sale is your opportunity. We have gone through our entire stock marking prices, that were already reduced, down to still lower margins. Everything that a man needs, saving Shoes, can be found here at extra sale prices. Many of the items are marked now at prices below manufacturing cost. And you benefit!

## Opens Saturday, January 2nd.--Many Items Below Cost

<p><b>75 MEN'S TWEED AND WORSTED SUITS</b> Worth \$22.50 and \$25.00. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$11.25</b></p>	<p><b>25 DOZEN MEN'S HATS</b> In newest shapes and colors; sizes 6½ to 7. Values up to \$5.00. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.75</b></p>	<p><b>TEN YOUNG MEN'S OVERCOATS</b> Made in the short, snappy styles, with patch pockets. Regular \$27.50 <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$15.75</b></p>
<p><b>SUITS IN FINEST IMPORTED SCOTCH TWEEDS</b> And West of England Worsteds. Worth \$35.00. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$18.75</b></p>	<p><b>20 DOZEN MEN'S HARD HATS</b> In sizes 6½ to 7. Worth up to \$5.00. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.75</b></p>	<p><b>DRESS SUITS</b> All sizes in stock and the best values in the city. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$25.00</b></p>
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<p><b>42 MEN'S SUITS</b> In sizes 35, 36, 37, 38 and 40. Worth up to \$20.00. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$9.25</b></p>	<p><b>23 GREY CHESTERFIELD COATS</b> In sizes 36 to 40. Values to \$30.00. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$18.75</b></p>	<p><b>BAR VESTS</b> Marcus Reiben's make. Worth up to \$2.25. <b>LIVE WIRE SALE, \$1.00</b></p>
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# SPORTING NEWS

(CONTINUED)

## N. H. A. CLUB AFTER LOCAL STAR BIG CROWDS AT EASTERN GAMES

### Champions Prepare to Bolster Up Team; McKay and Oatman Lead in Goal-Getting

"I am not prepared to state just how far my plans for strengthening the Victoria Hockey club have gone, but the fans may rest assured that if the present team is incapable of holding up Victoria's good name in the P. C. H. A. they will be replaced by men who will," was Lester Patrick's encouraging statement this morning to the Times. There was a rumor current this morning that one of the Victoria players would go east shortly to an N. H. A. team that has been after him. The local management said that the eastern league would have to dicker with the P. C. H. A. before discussing terms with any players on the coast.

#### Coast Leaders.

Player	Goals	Assists
McKay, Van	4	7
Oatman, Port	4	7
Malten, Van	4	4
Harris, Port	4	4
Throp, Port	4	4
Nighbor, Van	4	3
Cook, Van	4	3
Taylor, Van	4	3
Kerr, Vic	4	3
Tobin, Port	4	3
Dunderdale, Vic	4	2
Howe, Vic	4	2
Morris, Vic	4	2
McDonald, Port	4	2
L. Patrick, Vic	4	2
Mate, Van	4	1
Small, Vic	4	1
Johnson, Port	4	1

#### N. H. A. Results.

Team	Score
Ottawa, 4; Ontario, 1	
Wanderers, 5; Toronto, 2	
Quebec, 8; Canadiens, 7	

#### Standing.

Team	Won	Lost
Ottawa	2	0
Wanderers	2	0
Quebec	1	1
Toronto	1	1
Ontario	0	2
Canadiens	0	2

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Wanderers won decisively from the Toronto, N. H. A. champions, by 5 to 2. The victory of the Montrealers, the second on their

### ROSEBUDS WANT STAR



TOMMY SMITH.

Portland, Dec. 30.—Word was received here that the Portland hockey team will get Tommy Smith, the Ontario hockey star, who was awarded to the Pacific Coast association through draft. "We lost out on Ronan," said Manager Muldoon of the Rosebuds, "but as Vancouver and Victoria both have more men than we have, and by rights we should have one more player, there is no doubt that Smith will report here, if he consents to come west. If he doesn't, he will be kept from playing organized hockey. Smith is a centre man and led the N. H. A. in scoring last season. He would make a valuable addition to our team, especially as Ronan, who was expected to report soon, has written that his injured knee will not stand the strain, and he will be out of the game for the season."

### COLORED TEAM TO PLAY LOCAL CLUB

#### Bob Brown Trying to Send Veterans to Western League; Baseball Gossip

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—A deal with a Western League club involving Shortstop Harry Scharyneber and Pitcher Jimmy Clark is being arranged by Manager Bob Brown of the Vancouver ball club, and it looks like it will go through. Bob tried to make a trade with Portland for Bobby Coltrin but could not induce McCradie to see it that way. There was a chance that Scharyneber might land the job as manager of the Spokane Indians, but nothing came of it, and President Brown fancied that the Spokane club proposes to bring an entirely new team to this league to boss the Indians next year.

The Beaver leader is even now planning for the exhibition games next training season. The Chicago Colored Giants will probably play in Vancouver on April 8 and 9. Under tentative plans the colored players plan to go to Victoria for a two-game series March 31, April 1, returning to Seattle for Saturday and Sunday games, April 5 and 6. They will appear again in Seattle April 10 and 11, and will conclude the tour with games at Spokane April 15 and 17.

New York, Dec. 31.—The closing of the proposed deal for the transfer of the New York Americans to Col. Jacob Ruppert and Captain E. L. Huston, was believed last night to have been effected, and it was stated unofficially that a definite announcement of the sale would be made this morning. It was said that James C. Price, a state boxing commissioner and former sporting editor of the New York Press, would be connected with the new ownership, probably as business manager.

Portland, Dec. 31.—The Cedar Rapids club of the Central association is after Chick Haworth, the young catcher who tried out with the Beavers last spring and finished the season with the Portland Colts, afterward transferred to Ballard.

This is the club from which Roy Brown, the pitcher, was drafted, and to which he returned after leaving the Colts, to whom he had been turned over by the Beavers.

An offer has been made to the Colts for Haworth, who is on the

reserve list of the Beavers, but it is likely that Haworth will be turned over to one of the Northwestern League clubs, as several are said to be after him.

Victoria would like to secure Haworth as he is a grand, bitter and steady pegging backstop.

### GOLFERS TO COMPETE AT OAK BAY LINKS

#### Calcutta-Foursomes Start Tomorrow; Outmet—Again Heads American Stars

Thirty-six golfers will start out tomorrow at the Oak Bay golf links, when the annual Calcutta handicap foursomes will be played. Interest is keen in this event, and with any kind of weather the golfers look for an exceedingly close competition. Players will arrange with their opponents for start of matches, and the draw has been announced as follows:

- No. 1—Watson and McIntyre handicap.
- No. 2—H. G. Wilson and E. V. Bodwell.
- No. 3—Walroth and C. E. Thomas.
- No. 4—Col. Peters and H. W. R. Moore.
- No. 5—P. Criddle and J. P. Babcock.
- No. 6—B. Tye and A. Stuart Robertson.
- No. 7 (bye)—G. H. Barnard and Mr. Justice Martin.
- No. 8—A. Shaw and H. Ross.
- No. 9—W. Cattle and J. Barnacle.
- No. 10—F. M. Beade and J. Rattenbury.
- No. 11—C. E. Wilson and J. Pinkham.
- No. 12 (bye)—J. W. Ambury and A. C. Plimmer.
- No. 13—C. A. Holland and R. J. Horton.
- No. 14—J. A. Snyward and G. Greenhill.
- No. 15—J. E. Wilson and G. Raymond.
- No. 16—H. Patterson and William C. Todd.
- No. 17—W. H. Ricardo and A. Coles.
- No. 18—H. G. Garrett and Colonel Jones.

The winners of couples Nos. 8 and 9 play No. 7 couple.

The winners of couples Nos. 10 and 11 play No. 12 couple.

Francis Outmet, of the Woodland Gold club, Boston, again heads the list of the 16 best golfers in the United States. Most of Outmet's successes this season were scored over difficult links. Besides holding the national amateur title, he is champion of his own state for the second year in succession and also won several minor honors. How they stand:

- 1—Francis Outmet, Woodland.
- 2—Charles Evans, Jr., Edgewater.
- 3—Jerome D. Travers, Upper Montclair.
- 4—W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont.
- 5—Walter J. Travis, Garden City.
- 6—Warren K. Wood, Homewood.
- 7—John F. Neville, Claremont.
- 8—H. Chandler Egan, Medford.
- 9—Frederick Herreshoff, Garden City.
- 10—John G. Anderson, Brae Burn.
- 11—Eben M. Byers, Allegheny.
- 12—Oswald Kirby, Englewood.
- 13—D. E. Sawyer, Wheaton.
- 14—Ray E. Gorton, Brae Burn.
- 15—Maxwell R. Marston, Baltusrol.
- 16—Edward P. Allis 3d, Baltusrol.

### SQUASH CHAMPION.

New York, Dec. 31.—Walter Kinsella, former squash tennis champion of England, yesterday won the professional title in that sport by defeating Stephen J. Faron, the American champion, in the third and last match of their series here. The scores in yesterday's games, played at the Princeton club were 15-15, 15-7, 15-8.

### HOLIDAY RACE.

Midwinter regatta. Crews for New Year's Day are as follows: Willows—R. E. Scott (stroke), Matt Scott (3), C. Baylis (2), H. Sinclair (bow). J. B. A.—Billie Kennedy (stroke), R. Travis (2), W. Day (2), O. Summers (bow). Time, 11 a.m.; over harbor course. A big crowd from Willows will be down.

## Parents of Boys Will Find Sam M. Scott's AFTER-CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE SALE A Great Saving Event

At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, January 2, we will place on sale a large part of our high-grade stock of Boys' Clothing and Furnishings at prices so much below regular as to make this a really important event for everyone who has boys' things to buy.

The goods offered at sale prices are all regular stock and the purpose of the sale is only to lighten up parts of our stock that are too heavy for this late stage of the season. Those who are regular patrons of ours need not be told that our goods are all of the best quality, that we have special purchasing power in boys' goods, and that our regular prices are strictly reasonable. Therefore the savings offered to those who boys need any of the things now going at sale values will certainly be worth coming for.

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Fine Tweed Suits with one and two pairs of bloomers. Regular prices \$10.50 to \$15.00. ON SALE AT \$7.50

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Overcoats, regular price \$7.50 to \$11. Sale Price \$6.00	Close-Buttoned Overcoats, regular to \$7.50. Sale Price \$4.75
Felt and Stitched Cloth Hats, regular \$2.00. Sale Price \$1.35	Durable Tweed Pants, regular to \$1.35. Sale Price 60c
Boys' Shirts, regular \$1.25 to \$1.50. Sale Price \$1.00	Honeycomb Knit Sweaters, regular to \$1.35. Sale Price 75c
New Buster Suits, regular \$5.50 to \$7.50. Sale Price \$4.50	Boys' Slicker Coats, regular to \$4.75. Sale Price \$3.00
Serviceable Raincoats, regular \$6.00 to \$7.00. Sale Price \$4.50	Flannelette Nightshirts. Sale Price, each \$55c
Smart Norfolk Suits, regular \$5.50 to \$7.50. Sale Price \$4.50	Cashmere Hose, regular to 60c. Sale Prices 25c to 35c
Norfolk and Double-Breasted Suits, regular to \$15. Sale Price \$7.50	Sweater Coats, roll collar. Regular to \$3.50. Sale Price \$2.25

Don't Forget the Date—Saturday, January 2nd

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### Y. M. C. A. PROGRAMME FOR THE HOLIDAY

An excellent programme has been arranged for to-morrow by Secretary Witham, of the Y. M. C. A., of sports, concerts and receptions. This is the introducing of such a programme, and if a success, such meets will be held more frequent.

The following programme has been arranged:

- 9 a.m.—Basketball games.
- 10 a.m.—Relay race for juniors starting at the Willows and finishing at the Y. M. C. A. building.
- 11 a.m.—Road race for soldiers and senior "Y" members, from Willows to Y. M. C. A. Referee H. G. Beall, Major Bapty.
- 11 a.m.—Patriotic band concert by Fifth Regiment in lobby.
- 2 p.m.—Reception; open house.
- 3 p.m.—Gymnasium programme of sports.
- 5 p.m.—Aquatic competitions in the tank.
- 7:15 p.m.—Informal reception.
- 7:30 p.m.—"Bombardment of Zeppelins" in tank.
- 8:30 p.m.—Military programme in gymnasium. Lecture by Major Beale.
- Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and evening performances by the ladies' committee.

Quite a surprise, Jim Corbett buying stock in the Tacoma club.

### SOREL TOUTED INVENTOR OF THE "POKE-CHECK"

Jack Walker, the stick-wizard of the champion Toronto, and his uncanny reach, made the poke-check famous. But no one, scarcely, has ever heard of the "Bud" Sorel. He's only the guy who invented the poke-check.

Sorel, who has turned out with the Canadiens, is a Port Arthur boy, the same as Walker and Harry Scott, and it is the latter who declares that Sorel was the man who showed Walker the poke-check which broke the heart of many an N. H. A. forward last winter.

Walker, of course, is well equipped naturally for the use of the long poke in which the entire length of stick and arms is brought into play. Walker is phenomenally long-armed, and when he catches his stick by the tip adds to his natural length of arm, and stretches his body out parallel to the ice, mightily few puck carriers stand a chance of getting by with the rubber.

Sorel, however, is the party who showed Walker how to do it. And outside of this, Sorel is a pretty fair forward, with speed to burn.

### HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION.

The following team has been selected from the High school to oppose Victoria West Juniors at Beacon Hill Saturday afternoon: Goal, Lumsden; backs, Scrimman and Pyritt; halves, Bendroit, Post and Ledingham; forwards, H. Copas, C. Sivertz, Jackson, S. Copas and Jones; Reserves, Sivertz, McIlvride and Hunter.

### REMARKED ON THE SIDE

#### Class of Soccer Improving Locally.

While there are not as many senior clubs this season as in the past, the class of soccer supplied the local fans is gradually improving. One of the real lovers of rugby in the Capital made the remark the other day that soccer was improving in Victoria at a faster rate than rugby. This may or may not be so, for Victorians hold the British Columbia championships at both sports. One thing is certain, however, that being the greater combination shown in recent soccer matches over those of a few years ago. Team work is getting to be the big factor in winning matches and this means hard practice. The dribbling and shooting will naturally be developed by the constant practice, and the general result is that Victoria teams are rapidly forging to the front as first class soccer teams. The fewer the teams the natural gathering together of the good players into stronger combinations, the spectators reaping the benefit.

#### Ottawa is an Incubator for Hockey Stars.

The city of Ottawa is furnishing no less than seventeen players to the big professional hockey leagues in the east and west this winter, and every one is a native son. The prestige this old town has held for producing ice experts in the past seems to be in the ascendancy as time goes on. Fifteen players now registered in the National Hockey association, or one-third of the whole league, are Ottawa boys who learned the game in that city. In baseball, there is an old saying a man cannot make good in his own town. This does not hold good in hockey for eight members of the Ottawas are local bred and born. This list will show the importance Ottawa bears to the great winter sport. Kendall, Roberts and McCarthy of Ottawa; Hebert, T. Smith and Lowery of Ontario; Westwick of Quebec; Throp of Portland; Dunderdale of Victoria; Gerard, Darragh, Graham, Broadbent, Duford, Benedict, Shore and Ronan of Ottawa.

Walter Johnson was out of organized ball for two weeks, the same length of time Art Ross will be missing from organized hockey.

"A bullet through the head is not always fatal," writes a surgeon from the front, indicating that he has been treating Raymond Cazeau, or some other wrestler.

Hockey is getting to be as cosmopolitan a sport as baseball. A few years ago a Chinaman in Aymer, Que., developed into a pretty fair stick handler. A junior league in Montreal has a club composed exclusively of Italians. There are plenty of Germans playing the game, though this should be a hard winter for them. No Hungarians or Turks have yet shown an inclination to take up the sport.

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Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

THREE VILE STORMS TAMBOV HERE AFTER BRITISH LINES ARE ADDING TO SERVICES

BATTERED YOKOHAMA Ship Was Plunging Heavily on Christmas Day but Passengers Enjoyed Themselves

Despite the fact that the ship was held in the grip of a violent southerly storm and was tossed about in peculiar ways by a nasty beam sea, the passengers on board the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yokohama Maru, Capt. Kamatsubara, spent a most enjoyable time on Christmas day.

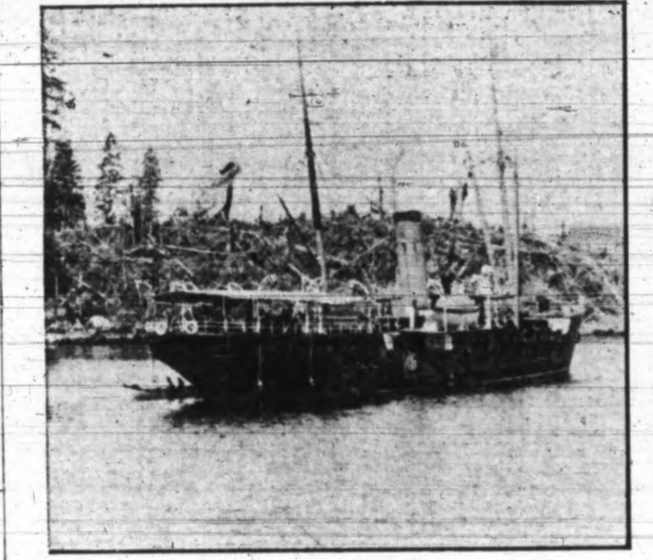
TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE Russian Volunteer Vessel Reports Series of S. E. Gales; Replaced Kiev

Reporting continuous gales from the time of clearing from Yokohama seven days ago until Cape Flattery was passed yesterday afternoon, the steamship Tambov, Capt. L. Alexyeff, of the Russian volunteer fleet, arrived at William Head last night shortly before 11 o'clock.

German Commerce Has Been Destroyed to the Benefit of John Bull's Trade

Seattle, Dec. 31.—Two British shipping corporations, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Harrison Direct line, yesterday announced increased steamship service between ports in the United Kingdom and Puget Sound.

ONE OF LIGHTHOUSE TENDERS HERE FOR HOLIDAYS



S. S. QUADRA As soon as the holidays are over the Quadra will load for a trip to the lighthouses in the inside passage.

Although she has been sailing the seas for the past twenty years, she is a fine-looking vessel, having a clipper bow and very fine lines. She is also a twin-screw ship and capable of good speed, but on the run across the Pacific she was unable to give any account of herself, owing to the heavy weather.

KNICKERBOCKER BRINGS IN RECORD CATCH OF FISH

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The fine schooner Knickerbocker, Captain John Koseth, operating from Vancouver for the New England Fish company, arrived last night with flags flying and an excellent crew, for she has broken all schooner records for halibut on Atlantic and Pacific.

CUSTOMS RETURNS FOR PAST YEAR ARE SMALL

Little Activity in Building Results in Small Importations; Fewer Ships

Owing to a decrease in building and also the withdrawal of a great many steamships from the trans-Pacific trade during the last half of the year, the customs returns for the port of Victoria for the year 1914 have fallen considerably behind the figures of the preceding two or three years.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Table with columns: Steamer, Master, Tonnage, Agents, From, Due. Includes sections for Deep Sea Arrivals, Coasting Vessels, Deep-Sea Departures, and FERRY SERVICES.

GROWTH OF WIRELESS SYSTEM IN DOMINION

Revenue of Stations Here is Almost Equal to the Cost of Running

The development of the radiotelegraph system of the Dominion government which was begun under the late Liberal government, is such as to amply demonstrate the wisdom of the policy adopted by the former ministry.

The latest report of the department of the naval service, in the charge of which this service now is, bears this statement out. The report covers the fiscal year ending on March 31 last, and contains a vast amount of information about the stations on land and water at the close of that period.

Many Amateurs Here. In this province there were three licensed commercial stations in the year under review, these being at Powell River, Ocean Falls and Bowen Island, Howe Sound.

On the whole, these latter stations have reasonably observed the regulations issued for their control, but there still remain a large number of them in both Toronto and Montreal operated without a license, and complaints reach from time to time that the Montreal coast station is being interfered with.

Under the revised regulations, every possible facility, compatible with the regular and coast station service, is given to the operation of amateur stations.

The coast stations in B. C. are at Gonzales Hill, Victoria; Point Grey, Vancouver; Cape Lazo, Pachenota Point, Estevan Point, Triangle Island, Ikeda Head, Morisy Island; Dead Tree Point, Graham Island; Digby Island, Prince Rupert and Albert Bay. There are forty employees in these stations and twenty-one on the government ships, thirty-three as engineers and officers in charge, twenty as operators and eight in other positions.

Other sailing craft on their way to the North Pacific include the British barque Juteopola, fifty-nine days' out from Mejillones, Chile, the Norwegian barque Wulff, fifty-nine days out from Arica, Chile; the French ship Duguay Trouin, 184 days out from Newcastle-on-Tyne; the French ship General de Boleaffre, ninety-seven days out from Newcastle, N. S. W.; the British ship Dudhope, 170 days out from Hamburg; the Norwegian barque Giltre, seventeen days out from Valparaiso, Chile, and the Italian ship Biagio O., formerly the British ship Holyrood, now owned in Genoa.

ON FIRE IN ATLANTIC. London, Dec. 31.—Lloyd's dispatch from Fayal, Azores, states that the steamer Perugia, bound from Leghorn to New York, was afire yesterday, but is now proceeding on her voyage after the crew reached the seat of the flames.

Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RATES

Tickets for the above holiday will be sold at single fare and one-fifth for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on the following dates: To points on Courtenay Branch, on sale December 31st. Final return limit, January 4th, 1915.

Transatlantic Sailings for England

Table with columns: Ship Name, From, Date. Includes ships like Hesperian, St. Paul, Franconia, Mergantic, Missantable, Philadelphia.

Union Steamship Company of B. C. Limited

Table with columns: Ship Name, Regular Sailings to, River's Inlet, Campbell River, Van Anda, Calvert Island, Comox, Kingcome Inlet, Jervis Inlet.

Morning Steamer for Seattle

S. S. "Sol Duc" Leaves Victoria daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m. from C. P. Dock for Port Angeles, Dungeness, Port Williams, Port Townsend and Seattle.

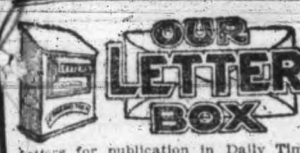
Through Steamers to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego

Leave Victoria Friday, 11 p.m. for San Francisco or Los Angeles. Leave Seattle Tuesday, 10 a.m. for San Francisco or Los Angeles.

MURCHIE STILL ON BARQUE

Portland, Dec. 31.—Although he formerly ran out of Portland regularly as master of the full-rigged British ship Peterborough, Captain Murchie in command of the Kinross-shire, arriving on Tuesday at the Linton ballast dock from Hamburg via Honolulu, is here on his first trip in more than a quarter of a century.

Capt. Murchie was master of the Kinross-shire when she loaded a full cargo of lumber at the Canadian Puget Sound mills for the United Kingdom about two and a half years ago.



Letters for publication in Daily Times...

COMMISSIONER CUTHBERT.

To the Editor:—There is no question that a past mismanagement has brought the city into its present difficulty...

JOHN DAY.

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To the Editor:—In the report of the meeting of the city council in your issue of Tuesday, Ald. Okell is reported as stating that he does not understand the tax system...

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UNEMPLOYMENT.

To the Editor:—In times of peace and when we have with us never-ceasing pleasure on the part of workers for wages for shorter hours and higher wages...

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ART SCHOOL MRS. MARY RITER HAMILTON has resumed classes at her studio, 514 Fort street, as follows: Wednesday and Thursday morning from 9.30 to 12.30; Thursday and Friday afternoons, 4 to 6. Portrait and costume studies are arranged, and sketching from the life is taken up.

CHIROPRACTIC OPTOMETRY CHAS. A. AND ESTELLA M. KELLEY, chiropactor and optometrist, 114 Fort street. For appointments, Phone 1187.

CONSULTING ENGINEER W. G. WINTERBURN, M.I.N.A., prepares candidates for examination for certificates, stationary and marine. Finch Block, 713 Yates St. Phone 1531.

DENTISTS DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Level Block, 404 Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone: Office, 557; Residence, 122.

ELECTROLYSIS. ELECTROLYSIS—The only permanent cure for superfluous hair. Miss Handman (certificated London Eng.), Dunsmuir, Rooms, Fort street, Victoria, Room 38. Phone 4673.

ENGRAVERS HALF-TONE AND LINE ENGRAVING—Commercial work a specialty. Designs for advertising and business stationery. B. C. Engraving, 214 Douglas Street. Orders received at Times Business Office.

LANDSCAPE GARDENERS LANDSCAPE GARDENERS AND DESIGNERS—Grounds of any size laid out. Staff of skilled gardeners. Estimates free. The Lansdowne Floral Co., Jas. Munton, 191 Hillside Ave., Victoria, B. C. Phone 2135.

LEGAL BRADSHAW & STAPPOLE, barristers-at-law, 211 Douglas St., Victoria.

MEDICAL MASSAGE ETHEL GEARY, masseuse. Vapor, steam baths, alcohol, oil, magnetic massage, etc. 1111 Douglas St., Victoria. Hours: 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. Phone 481.

SHORTHAND ROYAL SHORTHAND AND BUSINESS SCHOOL, 208 1/2 Hudson-Bone Building.

OPTOMETRIST AND OPTICIAN A. P. BLYTH, the leading optician, 423 View St. Over 25 years' experience, and one of the best equipped establishments in the city. Make an appointment to-day. Phone 2259.

MUSIC DANCE PIANIST desires engagements, 50¢ per hour. Box 1118, Times.

NOTARY PUBLIC WILLIAM G. GAUNCE, Room 105, Hudson-Bone Block, The Globe Co., real estate and insurance, notary public.

LADIES TAILORING ALL-WOOL SERGE SUITS to order, 17.50; own materials made up, \$12. The Davison Co., Room 9, Brown Block, 1115 Broad street. Phone 428.

MILLWOOD PHONE 327 for millwood; \$1 for cord, \$1.50 for half cord.

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POTTERYWARE, ETC. SEWER PIPE, sold tile, ground fire clay, flower pots, etc. B. C. Pottery Co., 114, corner Broad and Pandora streets, Victoria, B. C.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS NURSING PRIVATE MATERNITY HOME—Terms reasonable. Phone 4622. 354 Queen's Ave. W. Phone 4622.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENTS under this head 1 cent per word per insertion; 50 cents per line per month.

BILLIARD TABLES. BILLIARD TABLES repaired; estimates given on re-covering cushions and beds. F. R. Richardson, Billiard Hall, 104 Government street.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS CARPENTER—H. Bramley, 529 Yates St. Telephone 381.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING TRY WHITE, the Old Country sweep. Restaurant work a specialty. Any hour of day or night. 4330 1/2 St. Difficult flues a specialty. Phone 322.

CEMENT WORK. T. RUTHER, sewer and cement work. Phone 341.

CORDWOOD COLWOOD—First-class; No. 2, \$2.50; 12-inch lengths. Millwood, \$2; inside city limits. Charles Hunt, 1131 Johnson street. Phone 1591R. Half cord delivered.

CORSETRY. SPIRELLA CORSETS—Comfort, with straight lines; being guaranteed unbreakable and unshrinkable, one year. Professional corsetiers will visit residence by appointment. Mrs. Godson, 408 Campbell Block, Phone 445.

CUSTOMS BROKERS ALFRED M. HOWELL, customs broker, forwarding and commission agent, telephone, Promis Block, 106 Government street. Phone 1401; Res., 1417R.

DECORATING. DON'T CELEBRATE XMAS in dirty rooms. I am quoting special cheap rates on painting, papering and tinting throughout this month. Call or write Marlow, 2688 Cedar Hill road.

DRESSMAKING MISS WINNIE TREMBERTH, lately with Miss Clark, of Gordon's, Limited, will take orders for dressmaking and alterations. All styles guaranteed. Prices reasonable. 714 Powderly Ave., Victoria West.

DRY CLEANING HERMAN & STRINGER, French dry cleaners. Ladies' dress cleaning, alterations on ladies' and gents' garments. Our specialty. We call and deliver. 848 Yates street. Phone 1456. Open evenings.

DYEING AND CLEANING. "MODERN"—Cleaning, dyeing, pressing, repairing. Ladies' fine garment cleaning a specialty. 1210 Government St., opposite Empress Theatre. Phone 1210.

FISH W. J. WRIGLESWORTH, fish and poultry dealer. Choice corn fed turkey and chicks for New Year.

FURNITURE MOVERS JEVENS BROS. & LAMB, furniture and piano movers. Large, up-to-date, padded vans, express and trucks. Storage, packing, shipping. Open office, 724 View street. Phone 1547. Stable, 507 Gorge road. Phone 2382.

FURRIER FRED POSTER, 1216 Government street. Phone 1537.

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ROCK BLASTING. ROCK BLASTING, J. Paul, 1904 Quadra. Phone 1451R.

SCAVENGING VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO.—Office, 1826 Government street. Phone 662. Ashes and garbage removed.

SHOE REPAIRING THE MODERN SHOE REPAIRING CO. has opened a branch at 618—Fronce Alley. Repairs done while you wait.

TRUCK AND DRAY VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO. LTD.—Office and stables, 749 Broughton St. Telephone 3, 478, 1708.

WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELERS. DUES & TELFER have removed to 1219 Douglas street. Diamond mounting, ring making, English watch repairing, our specialty. Jewellery repaired.

WINDOW CLEANING NONE BETTER—Phone 1307. Expert window cleaner, T. Higginbotham, 209 Government street.

TAXIDERMISTS WHERRY & TOW, taxidermists, successors to Fred Forder, 342 Pandora, Cor. Broad street. Phone 321.

Y.W.C.A. FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment, rooms and board. A home from home. 156 Courtney street.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. AT COLLINSON APARTMENTS, 3116 Collinson, nice, modern, unfurnished, four roomed apartment. \$12.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. ALL BEAUTIFULLY CLEAN, furnished, modern, Normande Apartments, Phone 17891.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. FURNISHED and unfurnished. Southgate street. Apply Victoria Plumbing Co., Phone 2751, 342 Pandora St.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. YOUNG WINTER, quarters—Save money and enjoy the comforts and excellent service of Bellevue Court. Steam heated and overlooking the sea. Suites furnished or unfurnished. 310 Dundas manager, 312 Union Bank, Phone 642 and 3671R.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. HOT WATER HEATED and electric heated apartments in suites of two or three, nice, comfortable, very centrally priced. 204 Douglas, The Helms, 431.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. TO RENT—2 modern suites, 2 rooms, bath and pantry, well heated, water, gas, electric and gas range supplied; a snap at \$30 a month. Apply The Linden Grocery, May street and Linden street, opposite 1250.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. TO RENT—Furnished suites, including light and heat, from \$15 per month up. 1126 Yates street.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. MELLOR APARTMENTS, 821 Broughton street, adjoining Royal Victoria Hospital. Only one suite vacant, 2 rooms, kitchen and bath, hot water, modern hot water heating. Apply Mellor Bros. Co., 119 Broughton street, or 11.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. APARTMENTS TO LET—McDonald Bldg. Free phone and water. Telephone 3667.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. FOR RENT—A room, stable suite, 2 rooms and pantry, with bath, light, phone, etc. Apply 311 Niagara street, or phone 2585.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. FOR SALE—ARTICLES. FOR SALE—Heater, nearly new, cheap; also clear title lots for auto or acreage in Saanich, 104 Burdett avenue. \$12.

BUSINESS CHANCES. A SNAP—Auto repair shop and marine ways; will sell or trade for real estate, launch or one-light motor truck. Apply 310 Belleville street, Victoria. Have a few marine engines for trade.

DANCING. DANCE in St. John's Hall every Saturday evening. Gents 50¢, ladies free. \$4.

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EXCHANGE. FOR EXCHANGE—Albert lot, for plant in good condition. Box 699, Times. \$10.

EXCHANGE—200 acres, Colwood, good land, very cheap; for land on prairie or property here. Northwest Real Estate Co., 1212 Douglas street. \$31.

EXCHANGE—Good, modern house or vacant property on 100 acre in Victoria. Will give good house in Vancouver in exchange. 816 Eighth Ave. West, Vancouver, B. C. \$4.

EXCHANGE—A large lot in Oak Bay, near the beach, for farm or implements, cattle, sheep or horses to the value of \$2,500. Apply Wm. Muir, Willows P. O. \$31.

EXCHANGE—To exchange, Victoria property for stock in British Columbia. What offer? Box 161, Times. \$31.

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1255 Wilmet Place, 7 rooms, per month \$20.00

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WEEK OF PRAYER WILL BE OBSERVED

Services at Metropolitan Sunday School Arranged by Ministerial Association
The Universal Week of Prayer from Sunday, January 3, 1915, till Sunday, January 10, inclusive, will be observed in Victoria under the arrangement of the Ministerial Association as follows:

A Happy New Year

We wish all our Customers a happy New Year. They are sure to be happy so long as they use our famous WELLINGTON COAL. \$6.50 Per Ton CASH

OLD MILITIA OFFICER COLONEL OF RESERVE

Hon. F. B. Gregory Accepts Office in the National Reserve of Canada
The colonelcy of the National Reserve of Canada has been accepted by Lieutenant Colonel F. B. Gregory, of the Victoria Militia.

MACKAY & GILLESPIE, Ltd. Distributors for Canadian Collieries (Donnerstag) Mines, Ltd. OFFICE, 125 BROAD STREET. PHONES, 149 and 622.

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FOR SALE-HOUSES

WILL SACRIFICE new 7-room house for \$2,850. 1300 down, balance 150 times. Owner. Box 159, Times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Many "Watch Night" Parties to Be Held in City; Weather Not Promising
New Year's day runs a close second to Christmas day as a time for family reunions, especially among the Scotch element in any community.

INTERVIEW EXECUTIVE

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MOCK PARLIAMENT

Young Liberals of City Will Meet Next Week to Organize New Body and Discuss Public Issues
The first meeting of the mock parliament of the Liberal association will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall on Friday evening, January 3, at which all members and friends of the party will be welcome.

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TO INVESTIGATE

Japanese Imperial Trade Commissioner Arrives From Orient; His Mission
To investigate the trade relations between Canada and Japan, T. Yamaguchi, arrived on the Yokohama Maru this morning from the Orient.

ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON

Old Year Seen Out by the Members at Last Gathering of the Year in Joyous Gathering
The members of the Rotary club saw the old year out this afternoon at the luncheon held in the Westholme Grill. There was a very large attendance of members at the gathering, which was presided over by the president, Frank Higgins.

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New Year happy New Year as they use our famous COAL... CASH reputation stands behind it... RECALLED Our Motto... LESPIE, Ltd. (Dunsmuir) Mines Ltd. OFFICE: 718 FLYING STREET.

BANK OF MONTREAL ESTABLISHED 1817

Table with financial statistics for Bank of Montreal: Capital Paid Up \$18,000,000.00; Undivided Profits 1,232,669.42; Total Assets (October, 1914) 259,481,663.25

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: H. V. Meredith, Esq., President; E. B. Greenfield, Esq., Vice President; Sir William Macdonald, Esq., Director... FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR, General Manager.



GENERAL MEETING NEXT MONDAY FOR CORONATION... CONSISTENT STRENGTH MARKS STOCK PRICES

Lead Keeps Advance... Other Stocks Show... Floor Traders Covered Lines and Evening Up of Accounts Was General

Market price table with columns for Bid Ask and High Low. Includes entries for Bid Ask (10-10, 15-15) and High Low (Atoka Gold, Amal Copper, etc.).

PLEASURES BASED ON SPLENDID EXPORTATION

By F. W. Stevenson & Co. Dec. 31.—It was a clear day of blue today. The last of the local market, the first hour to-day was... FRENCH GAVE BELGIANS SEVEN MILLION FRANCS... MARGONI IS SENATOR...

BIRKBECK BANK CASE AND TRUST COMPANY UNDERGROUND WARFARE IN FRANCE DESCRIBED

Depositors Unable Yet to Obtain Funds for Counsel or to Visit Victoria... Wounded Are Carried Out of Trenches on Shoulders of Their Companions

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Now that the permanent liquidator has been appointed to settle the affairs of the Dominion Trust company, the question of the status of the depositors and of various classes of disputed creditors will probably be prepared for submission to the courts. The depositors fall into at least three classes, each with a different status, which may differentiate them from each other when the estate is divided.

Monte Saint Eloi, Department of Pas de Calais, France, Dec. 20.—German artillery to-day again bombarded at long range the double-towered church and the Fifteenth Century abbey here, but without doing any damage. Night attacks have become the sole method of making an advance in this underground war, as all attempts to assault the positions in the daytime fall before the terrific artillery and machine gun fire.

Berne, Dec. 31.—The heavy military expense thrust upon Switzerland by her being obliged to support an armed neutrality to-day by the sale of gold coins... METAL MARKETS... NEW YORK COTTON MARKET...

Paris, Dec. 31.—The people of France have given the Belgian refugees within the republic Christmas presents to the value of 7,000,000 francs, according to estimates prepared to-day. This includes 2,000,000 francs in cash delivered from the sale last Sunday of innumerable little Belgian flags... KAISER SENDS NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT...

New Year's Eve at Finch's Bankrupt Sale

Advertisement for Finch Block bankrupt sale. Includes sections: Ribbons at Cost and Less, Assorted Shades, A Few Untrimmed Felt Hats, Kiddies' Hats at 25c, Fur Hats to \$45 for \$1.95, Ladies' Fur Hats, \$2.50 New Coats for \$2.50, Corset Bouquets at Less Than Cost, Padded Silk Dressing Sacques.

FINCH BLOCK 719 YATES ST. PHONE 1404

LONDON COMMENT ON QUESTION OF DEFENCE AND AUSTRALIA

London, Dec. 31.—The Times editorially to-day draws attention to the significance of the fact that both Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, and Rt. Hon. Andrew Fisher, premier of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the same day made speeches which looked forward to the end of the war and estimated the effect on the status of the empire. Premier Fisher said that the day had already come when self-respect should persuade Australia and New Zealand to abandon their policy of reliance on the British taxpayer and bear at least their full share in their own defence.

SWITZERLAND HAS TO MEET LARGE DEFICIT

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TORONTO HAS HOTTEST ELECTION IN HIST

Toronto, Dec. 31.—To-night will be the close of the hottest municipal election in Toronto's history. The fight for the mayoralty chair will be a close one between Controllers Church and McCarthy. The feature of the campaign has been the fight between Alderman Sam McBride, Socialist candidate, for the board of

Wishing You All a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Dixi H. Ross & Company

Phones: Groceries, 59, 51, 52. The Home of Quality Foods. 137 Government St. Liquors, 51.

VICTORIA FEED CO. Dealers in Hay, Grain, Flour, Potatoes and Poultry Foods. Call, write or phone for prices.

THE EXCHANGE 121 FORT ST. PHONE 121. Books for the Holidays and Long Winter Evenings, 10c to 50c.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE WORK IS POPULAR

Many Secure Certificates as Result of Education in First Aid

WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 31-5 a.m.—The barometer is again falling along the coast, and unsettled, mild weather is becoming general. Snow has fallen in Carleton Place and some weather continues in Manitoba, while sharp frosts have again extended to the southern states.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Wind: mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled, and mild, with rain. Lower mainland—Winds mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled, and mild, with rain.

Members of four more classes in first aid to the injured have recently been examined by Dr. C. Denton Holmes, under appointment by the Victoria centre of the St. John Ambulance association. Not all of those who attended the classes for instruction succeeded themselves for examination.

Women's class held at The Oakes, Oak Bay, instructed by Dr. James L. Biggar. Mesdames Hilda Carr, Florence Colbourne, Mary A. J. Gillespie, Mrs. Martin and Harriet S. Sampson and Misses Carolyn Bodwell, Jennie M. Hutchart, Jean MacLester, Molly Pearce, Peggy Pearce, Armine Pemberton, Philippa Pemberton, Ethel Rhodes, Grace Robertson and Georgina Watson. Miss Rhodes obtained the highest number of marks, 35 out of a possible 100; Mrs. Sampson came next with 89 and Mrs. Martin and Misses Bodwell and Hutchart next each with 75. The others ranged from 70 down to 55. As 50 is the number required to entitle a pass, all those examined were passed for the St. John Ambulance association first aid certificate.

MUTRIE & SON 1269 Douglas St. Phone 2598

We take this opportunity of thanking every one of our many customers for past favors, and of extending to one and all our best wishes for a most happy and prosperous 1915.

WHEN YOU WANT WIRE ROPE

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PREPARES A SHEAF OF ECONOMY MOTIONS

Ald. Todd Stands Sponsor Proposes Cut in Civic Salaries on Graded Scale

A sheaf of resolutions on the economy question stands in the name of Ald. Todd, posted on the city notice board late yesterday afternoon. Some of these he has outlined in recent discussions at the city council meetings. They will be taken up on Monday. The one which will arouse the greatest interest is that relating to a graded scale for the reduction of civic salaries. It is a resolution which is being adopted in Vancouver, but does not make such a radical cut with the high-salaried officials as the Vancouver resolution. The basis is as follows: On salaries of \$30 a month and under, five per cent. cut. On salaries of \$30 a month to \$100, ten per cent. On salaries of \$100 a month to \$150, fifteen per cent. On salaries of \$150 a month to \$200, twenty per cent. On salaries of \$200 a month to \$250, twenty-five per cent. On salaries of \$250 a month to \$300, thirty per cent. On salaries of \$300 a month to \$350, thirty-five per cent. On salaries of \$350 a month to \$400, forty per cent. On salaries of \$400 a month to \$450, forty-five per cent. On salaries of \$450 a month to \$500, fifty per cent. On salaries of \$500 a month to \$550, fifty-five per cent. On salaries of \$550 a month to \$600, sixty per cent. On salaries of \$600 a month to \$650, sixty-five per cent. On salaries of \$650 a month to \$700, seventy per cent. On salaries of \$700 a month to \$750, seventy-five per cent. On salaries of \$750 a month to \$800, eighty per cent. On salaries of \$800 a month to \$850, eighty-five per cent. On salaries of \$850 a month to \$900, ninety per cent. On salaries of \$900 a month to \$950, ninety-five per cent. On salaries of \$950 a month to \$1000, one hundred per cent.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS



THE HOME-MAKER STORE

Extends Hearty Thanks to All Its Friends for the Many Kindnesses Received During 1914, and Trusts That One and All May Enjoy a Very

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Brilliance and Beauty of Cut Glass

Adds an indescribable charm to even the most unpretentious dinner table. Cut glass is something every woman instinctively covets. We have the exclusive agency in Victoria for the genuine "LIBBEY" Cut Glass, the world's best. Our specially fitted up showroom displays effectively our large and varied selection of exquisite Cut Glass. A piece of beautiful cut glass will fittingly express your New Year's greetings to your friends.

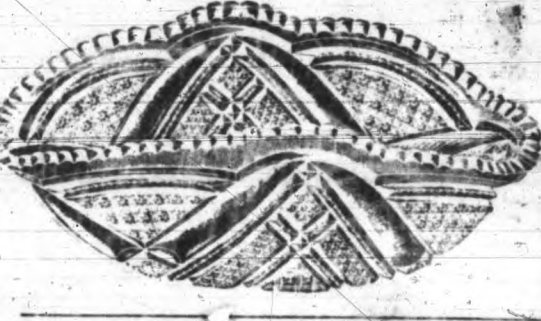


New Year's Requisites

Will you receive this year? If so, your sideboard will probably need a few replenishings in glassware. Few or many, we can supply them—plain or fancy. Prices consistent with quality.

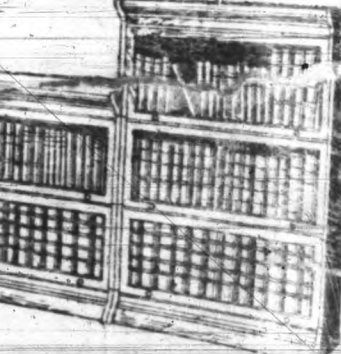
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Cash Prices 90c to \$40.00



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A Sectional Book Case will afford his books the necessary protection. They will not be exposed to dust and the little accidents incidental to daily life, nor will they be jammed together for lack of space. We have sections in fumed, Early English and golden oak. The separate sections permit a more artistic arrangement than the old-fashioned book case. Another advantage is that you can purchase the separate sections as your collection of books increases. Cash prices, per section, \$4.05 to \$5.85.



An Acceptable Gift

For New Year's. It will help the members of the family to keep their New Year's resolution of answering their correspondence more promptly, and keeping their writing materials in order, if you have one of these convenient little tables in your living-room. Pen, ink and paper will be just where you can lay your hand on them at a moment's notice. In solid fumed oak. Cash price \$22.50.

Trim, Neat Shades

Are essential to the good appearance of your home. We cordially invite you to consult our "BLINDS" regarding your shade problem. We have the largest and best selection of Shade Cloths in the west. Shades are all well known.



NEW YEAR GREETINGS. Hon. J. M. Turner and Mrs. Turner Express Their Good Wishes for British Columbians. Cabled greetings to the people of this province have just received by Sir Richard McBride from Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general for British Columbia in London. Mr. and Mrs. Turner, who lived for many years in this city, of which Mr. Turner has been mayor as well as being premier of the province, have always retained the warmest recollections of it and its people, and renew their good wishes for the coming year. The message was received by Sir Richard McBride and Mrs. Turner, and they are all British Columbians in order to see you in business and prosperity in the coming year. He is an ardent admirer of the progress of the province and trusts that the year 1915 will be a most successful one for all.

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